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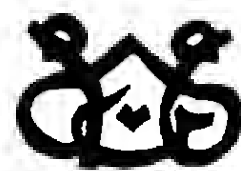
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EEC communique cautions against meddling in Poland

LUXEMBOURG, Dec. 2 (R) — The European Common Market said Tuesday that any interference in Poland's affairs would have very serious consequences for international relations. A communique issued at the end of a two-day EEC summit recalled that the 1975 Helsinki European security declaration committed its 35 signatories to non-interference in other countries' affairs.

"In consequence, the nine call on all participating states to conform to these principles with regard to Poland and the Polish people."

"They emphasize that any other attitude would have very grave consequences on the future of international relations in Europe and the world," the communique said.

The statement followed speculation in Western capitals that the Soviet Union was considering military intervention in Poland to end turmoil that began with a wave of strikes six months ago.

British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington said of the EEC text: "It is a warning between the lines and it is very clear." The passage on Poland came in a section of the communique devoted to East-West relations. It said the Helsinki declaration had stated each country's right to develop its own political and social system without external interference.

UNICEF given Riyadh building for \$1 per year

RIVADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz granted the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) the use of a building here for ten years at a token one dollar a year, Prince Talal, who is assistant secretary general of UNICEF, receives a symbolic \$1 per year salary.

The building will become the fund's headquarters in the Kingdom. Prince Talal, who became the director of UNICEF earlier this year, said he made the contribution as a token of appreciation for the fund's services in taking care of children worldwide. U.N. representative James Grant said the grant is a gesture of cooperation and assistance shown by the prince toward the fund. He said the U.N. will do everything it can to help improve the situation of children here.

The leaders of the nine member countries of the EEC added that they would respond to Polish requests for economic aid. Italian Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani told journalists aid would be given on a bilateral basis between individual EEC countries and Poland.

EEC commission sources said Monday that Poland had made an informal inquiry about the community's surplus stocks of butter and beef which could be used to offset its own shortages.

The communique said the Common Market states attached great importance to the European security process started in Helsinki. Progress since 1975 is under review at a follow-up conference in Madrid after tortuous negotiations between East and West over an agenda.

The summit affirmed the will of the nine not to be satisfied with apparent results in Madrid but to make real balanced progress on each of its (the Helsinki accords) chapters, the communique said.

Ankara reduces ties with Tel Aviv

ANKARA, Dec. 2 (AP) — In a move to cement its relations with the Arab states, Turkey has decided to withdraw all its diplomats except a second secretary from Israel and to maintain diplomatic relations at only a "symbolic level."

The left-wing newspaper *Chamshuriyet* reported on Tuesday the virtual break in diplomatic relations and said the decision "marks an important and new stage in Turkey's Middle East policy." A Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman confirmed the report.

Turkey is the only member of the Organization of Islamic Conference and the Muslim state except Egypt that maintains diplomatic relations with Israel, but those relations have always been at the charge of affairs rather than ambassadorial level.

The Turkish charge was recalled to Ankara last July in protest after the Israelis announced they were shifting their capital to Jerusalem.

A Turkish foreign ministry official said the Israelis had been informed of the decision and that it would become effective "in the near future."

The spokesman said the Israelis had likewise been instructed to reduce their legation in Ankara, leaving only a second secretary.

Turkey closed its consular office in Jerusalem late last August. An Israeli spokesman in Ankara said "we are waiting instructions from the government." He said the Turkish authorities have not informed the Israeli embassy here of the decisions.

Abdullah continues efforts, delivers message to Hussein

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Agencies) — King Hussein of Jordan Tuesday received a verbal message from King Khaled of the Kingdom's mediation efforts to defuse the border tension between Syria and Jordan.

The message was delivered to King Hussein by Second Deputy Premier Prince Abdullah Tuesday who arrived in the Jordanian capital 24-hours after his visit to Damascus the day earlier. Prince Abdullah was also received by Jordanian Premier Mudar Badran and high-ranking officials.

Jordan has charged Syria with massing troops along its border since the Arab summit in Amman. Following the visit to Syria, Prince Abdullah said President Assad assured him of Syria's acceptance of the Saudi Arabian mediation initiative to reduce tension between the two countries.

President Assad showed a deep understanding and concern for Arab solidarity, Prince Abdullah said. He added that the Syrian leader told him, "We appreciate King Khaled's initiative and know full well his desire to ward off any kind of threats to the Arab nation. We are fully confident that he is working for all of us."

Earlier Monday night Prince Abdullah briefed King Khaled on the outcome of his talks with President Hafiz Assad. The Prince disclosed that King Khaled had called on President Assad to halt "all measures that had led to the tense situation" on the Syrian-Jordanian border. King Khaled's demand in Syria was disclosed by information minister Dr. Abdo Yamani. The minister, said after a cabinet meeting Monday night that the King's message to President Assad included a call to "halt all measures that have led to the current border tensions between the sisterly Hashemite kingdom of Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic."

The minister also said that Prince Abdullah briefed the cabinet on the talks he held in Damascus and "reactions to King Khaled's initiative."

Prince Abdullah said upon his return from Damascus that "Syrian-Jordanian relations will return to normal." He added that President Assad "had shown deep understanding and concern for Arab solidarity." SPA quoted Prince Abdullah as saying.

Crown Prince Fahd also said after the cabinet meeting that Saudi Arabia "will spare no effort to consolidate Arab solidarity."

Syria meanwhile is reported to have laid down its terms for ending the border crisis with Jordan Tuesday.

The crisis has raised the possibility of a superpower confrontation. The U.S. government has announced it considers Jordan's security "important" and it is considering requests by King Hussein for 100 million in arms.

Meanwhile U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim called in Jordanian and Syrian diplomats Monday to express his concern about the movements of troops on their common border.

"The secretary-general is following the tense situation between Jordan and Syria with the utmost concern," U.N. spokesman Rudolf Staudenmann told reporters.

"He earnestly hopes that both governments will exercise restraint and take urgent measures to resolve their differences peacefully. The secretary-general is in contact with the permanent representatives of both the countries to this end."

Waldheim conferred first with minister of foreign affairs Samir Mansouri, head of the Syrian U.N. mission, and then with ambassador Hazem Cuseibeh, head of the Jordanian mission.

Iraqis to launch assault on 3 cities

BEIRUT, Dec. 2 (AP) — Iraq said Tuesday its forces stood poised for a "final assault" on the three main cities of Iran's southwestern oil province of Khuzistan as the war on the Gulf's northern flank flared into an 11th week. Iran said it wrested the battlefields initiative from Iraq and would henceforth be on the offensive in all major war theaters at the 500-kilometer invasion front.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi said the 72-day-old conflict could be brought to an end by an agreement to stop shooting, negotiate a delineation of the border and then withdraw from each other's off-shore and territorial boundaries.

"This is the only practical and reasonable solution," Hammadi said in a letter to the foreign ministers of the European Economic Community countries whose leaders were holding a summit conference in Luxembourg.

The official Iraqi news agency reported excerpts from the letter. Iraq has been claiming 320-square-kilometer chunk of territory plus the entire 193-kilometer long north-south Shatt Al-Arab waterway as an integral part of Iraq.

Hammadi's stress on a ceasefire first and

then a negotiated delineation of the border before a withdrawal contrasts sharply with Iran's insistence on an unconditional Iraqi withdrawal from an estimated 20,000 square kilometers of territory Iraq conquered in western and southwestern Iran before a truce could be considered.

Earlier Monday Iraq forces killed 14 Iranian soldiers and wounded scores of others in fighting. The Iraqi News Agency quoted a high command communique as saying Iraqi helicopters pounded Iranian positions in the northern and southern sectors of the war front and returned safely to base.

Three Iranian tanks and three armored personnel carriers were destroyed in the fighting, the communique said. Eighteen Iraqis were killed and five of Iraq's armored personnel carriers were put out of action, it added.

A spokesman for the Iraqi command said in Baghdad his country's infantry and armor were now in advantageous positions for a "final assault to overrun" Khuzistan's capital of Ahwaz, the giant oil refining complex of Ahwaz and the army garrison town of Dezful.

"Once the political leadership of Iraq

issues the order, forces in the battlefield are ready far, and capable of decisive action in Ahwaz, Abadan, and Dezful," the spokesman said.

Abadan, on the eastern shore of Shatt Al Arab, has been besieged for the past six weeks. Last week, however, Iran claimed it broke the siege.

Iraq maintains artillery positions five to 10 kilometers west of Ahwaz, 121 kilometers north of Abadan, 16 to 24 kilometers west of Dezful, which is 113 kilometers north of Ahwaz. The three cities control Iran's oil refining operations plus distribution pipeline networks from the south to the rest of the country, they come daily under Iraqi artillery bombardment.

Communiqués from Iranian military command show none of the three cities is in an immediate danger of falling, however. The latest communique reported Ahwaz was shelled anew overnight and that five Iraqis were killed and 15 injured. It claimed 38 Iraqis were killed in retaliatory fire.

An Iraqi spokesman revealed in a statement published by Baghdad newspapers that a British-made frigate of the Iranian navy equipped with sea-killer surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missiles was sunk Sunday at the end of the war's four-day heaviest sea battle.

Syria, Soviet Union ratify 20-year friendship treaty

DAMASCUS, Dec. 2 (R) — Syria and the Soviet Union Tuesday ratified a 20-year friendship treaty which includes a commitment to consult each other in the event of hostilities affecting either country.

The Soviet delegation was headed by First Vice-president Vasily Kuznetsov, who exchanged copies of the treaty, drawn-up in October, with Syrian Premier Abdul-Rauf Al-Kasbi.

The high-level Soviet team arrived here Monday on a three-day visit seen as underlining the Kremlin's commitment to Damascus. Kuznetsov said in a speech that the treaty would act as a new incentive to Syrian-Soviet cooperation and have special importance in helping to eliminate what he called the focus of serious tension in the Middle East. He added that the agreement did not have any objectives which had not been made public

nor any secret provisions.

He said it did not carry any threat to other states or an intention to compromise their interests. "We are entitled to say with all certainty that this treaty will help us to establish peace in the Middle East, something which responds to the basic interests of all the peoples of this region," Kuznetsov said.

"It will also be an important factor in serving international détente and ensuring international security and world peace." The treaty stipulates that the two sides should hold immediate contacts in the event of developments threatening the peace or security of either, or threatening world peace in general.

The accord says they should cooperate to remove the danger and re-establish peace, but does not commit either party to intervene militarily in the other's defense.

Yamani to lead delegation to OPEC

RIVADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — Minister of petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani will lead the Kingdom's delegation to a ministerial meeting of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries due in Kuwait Monday.

In Kuwait meanwhile it was announced Tuesday that the meeting will appoint judges to the newly-established judicial panel of O.A.P.E.C. A spokesman for the organization said that with the selection of the judges, O.A.P.E.C. would have completed its fourth and complementary agency to the existing minis-

terial council, the executive bureau and the general secretariat.

The spokesman said the judicial panel will be given several prerogatives, including obligatory and optional privileges.

The obligatory statutes will empower the panel to hear and pass judgement on disputes among government and O.A.P.E.C. members, the spokesman said.

The optional statutes will represent disputes among oil companies and member countries and whose parties agree to submit to the judicial panel.



King Hussein
Middle East dispatches indicated Jordan and Syria had tens of thousands of troops on

the border. Syria began the buildup 10 days ago after Jordan took the side of Iraq in the latter's war with Iran.

In an interview broadcast Monday by the American ABC television network, King Hussein said that Jordan will "do whatever we can to defend our land" if attacked. He said he did not understand Syria's motives for the buildup, but rejected speculation that the troop movements could be part of military exercises.

Noting a Syrian-Soviet treaty, King Hussein did not exclude the possibility that Moscow had urged the buildup. Jordanians "take the situation seriously," the King said.

It would be a "tragedy" for all the Arab world if war broke out between Syria and Jordan, he said.

Researchers working on 'Arabic computer'

By Farouk Luqman

JEDDAH, Dec. 2 — The first step toward an "Arabic-speaking" computer has been taken, with Saudi Arabian and Canadian researchers here saying a full-fledged model should be available within two years. The experts based in the Kingdom have been developing the equipment, which includes a cathode-ray tube terminal using both English and Arabic language keyboards.

Speaking to *Arab News* Tuesday, Dr. Abdullah Debagh, director of the Research Institute at the University of Petroleum and Minerals, in Dhahran said two major obstacles were overcome by the research. One was the fact that Arabic had not been encoded. Now, it is. The second was the direction in which Arabic is written, from right to left. Researchers solved that problem, too.

"After seven months of extensive research and application, the result is encouraging," Debagh said. "And we are well on our way towards an Arabic computer." The project is the first of its kind in the Arab world, and the first involving Saudi Arabian research.

Debagh, a graduate of the University of North Carolina in the United States, credited the team of professors from the institute and the University of Montreal for making this "major accomplishment" possible. He singled out Professor Halder, a Canadian national of Pakistani origin, and Dr. Reza Al Thiga.

The Research Institute, fundamentally a center for applied research, carried out work for the government and for private companies under contract.

The director described the attempt to introduce Arabic characters into the computer for typing out on a printer as "quite ambitious." Japanese research had managed the task for that language, which like Arabic, is entirely different from languages using Latin-based letters.

Work started by utilizing a code recommended by the Standards Saudi Organization — commonly known as SASO — for the projected computer. Dogged research and countless experiments led to success with encoding Arabic and solving the "direction" problem.

According to Debagh, the institute offers assistance to others in programming, computer applications and related services.

Mubarak, Carter meet

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 — Egypt's Vice President Hosni Mubarak began a week of meetings here Monday, wrapping up unfinished business with the Carter administration and opening a dialogue with advisers to incoming President Ronald Reagan.

Mubarak held a working lunch Monday with Vice President Walter Mondale, and later Tuesday met with President Carter.

The Egyptian vice president was carrying a "farewell message" for Carter from President Anwar Sadat, Egyptian diplomats said. The message contained an expression of "friendship and gratitude" to the American

president for his key role in the Camp David peace process, and dealt with "unfinished business" between the two countries, the diplomats said.

Mubarak was also expected to meet Tuesday with Secretary of State Edmund Muskie, and to discuss arms sales with Defense Secretary Harold Brown. But attention was being focused on Mubarak's planned meetings with key Republicans and advisers to President-elect Reagan, as the U.S. prepared for the change of leadership next month.

On Wednesday, the Egyptian official was to confer with Vice President-elect George Bush, former President Gerald Ford, and Chase Manhattan Bank President David Rockefeller.

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Pakistan meeting aimed at security

By a staff writer

RIYADH, Dec. 2 — Interior Minister Prince Naif will leave here Wednesday for Pakistan on an official visit at the invitation of the Interior Minister Mahmoud Haroon.

The two ministers will hold talks on various topics of mutual interest, particularly subjects dealing with internal security affairs. Haroon visited the Kingdom earlier this year. While in Pakistan Prince Naif will visit Lahore, Peshawar and other cities and districts.

Prince Naif said the government of Saudi Arabia seeks greater cooperation not only on the internal security level, but even higher ones with the Gulf states and other Arab and Islamic countries. "The world is full of conflicts," he said, "which

makes internal security cooperation a foundation for avoiding dangers." He added that his visit will take this into consideration. He described Saudi-Pakistani relations an ideal model for such cooperation.

Naif will be accompanied by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Jammaz, deputy minister for administrative affairs; Gen. Abdullah Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh, director general of internal security; General Muhammad bin Hilal, director general of the frontier corps; Muhammad Al Shawi, director of the minister's office; and Saeed Shablan, director of the minister's office for studies and research.

On Tuesday Prince Naif presided over a meeting of the board of the Arab Institute of Police Studies, which was approved by a



Prince Naif

meeting of the Arab interior ministers last year. The meeting was attended by director of the institute Dr. Farouk Abdul Rahman Murad and members of the board. Dr. Farouk told reporters that the meeting discussed the budget for next year and heard a report about last year's activities. It also examined a proposal to amend the financial statute, and urged member states to settle their contributions to the budget as soon as possible.

Khaled meets Sudan official

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — King Khaled conferred with Gen. Abdul Majed Hamed Khalil, Sudan's vice president and defense minister.

The meeting on Monday was attended by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard, Prince Abdullah; Minister of Defense and Aviation, Prince Sultan; the King's Adviser, Dr. Rashad Farah; and Sheikh Othman Al-Hamid, an aide to Prince Sultan.

The King also received the Ulema and Sheikhs as is customary every Monday.

Gen. Khalil earlier conferred separately with Prince Sultan in presence of Sheikh Othman, and Gen. Muhammad Al-Hammad, the chief-of-general-staff. On his arrival in Jeddah in the morning, he was met at the airport by Prince Sultan, Sheikh Othman and Gen. Hammad.

In the evening, Prince Sultan gave a dinner at the Officers Club in honor of Gen. Khalil.

The dinner was attended by Sudanese Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Al-Fateh Muhammad Bishara.

In other developments, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal gave a reception at Kandara hotel here Monday evening to bid farewell to Canada's Ambassador, William Jenkins, whose tenure has expired.

Attending were Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thanyan, foreign undersecretary; Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, Jeddah's District commissioner; Sheikh Salem Sunbul, head of the Foreign Ministry's Protocol Department; and a number of senior officials and diplomats.

For visitors Visa deadline arrives

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 2 — December 22 is the deadline for the departure of dependents who entered the Kingdom on a visit visa after August 20, unless they meet certain criteria permitting expatriate families in the Kingdom, according to an Interior Ministry order issued last Sunday.

Those family members not complying with the order will be held at departure points and prevented from leaving the country until their guardians or sponsors are located and penalized, the order said. Punishment may include up to six weeks imprisonment and a SR10,000 fine, in addition to deportation of both parties.

The ministry also has asked pilgrims and umra performers to leave the country as soon as possible after their religious duties. Those who stay too long will be liable to punishment along with anyone who gives them work, or shelter or hides them.

In a televised interview recently Interior Undersecretary for Passports and Immigration Sheikh Ibrahim Owaji said that even those who fell victims of crooks and entered Saudi Arabia in good faith, thinking that they held a real valid entry or work visa and find out that they were tricked or fail to find their sponsor will have to report to the nearest police post or interior ministry office. They would then be imprisoned and deported.

Security men already have arrested hundreds of crooks who used to extort money from workers abroad eager to come to Saudi Arabia on a contract basis. Sometimes fake contracts and forged visas were given them. There also have been cases where fictitious sponsors import labor against a sum of money. Once in the Kingdom, the workers would start hunting for a job, which undoubtedly constitutes a danger to the country's security.

Towards the end of August, the Interior Ministry announced new regulations to control the influx of families into the country by specifying categories of expatriates entitled to bring their wives and children. The categories include university professors, teachers, doctors, pharmacists, vet-

erinarians and others.

Following is an excerpt from the ministry's statement:

The Ministry of Interior, eager to curb the influx of foreigners into the Kingdom, is restricting their presence to productive personnel required by some sectors here without being joined by their families, except in exceptional circumstances and in the case of certain professional specializations like medicine and engineering.

Those permitted to ask for their wives to join them are university professors, teachers at all levels — including occupational training centers; doctors, pharmacists, veterinary surgeons, engineers — including chemists, farmers and insecticide specialists; weapons and ammunition specialists who are qualified graduates of universities and educational institutions specializing in these fields; managers of companies and enterprises of no fewer than 100 employees on the basis of evidence issued by the General Organization of Social Insurance or a bank certificate, provided that the companies deal with no less than SR1 million a year and have a capital of no less than SR1 million.

Those with long residence permits, of no less than five years at the time of publishing this law, will be allowed to call for their wives if it is proved that special circumstances had precluded them in the past from doing so, whatever their occupations might be.

Wives and minor children, who already are here on visit visas, of those in the categories permitted to accompany their guardians, may apply for permission to stay to the government recruitment bureaus for approval according to the regulations. They also must contact passport offices to complete the procedures.

Employers wishing to obtain residence permits for personnel already in the country must send them out of the country then apply to the recruitment bureaus on their behalf, according to the ministry's order. The offices of the minister, his deputy and provincial governors will cease to handle applications for residence permits, it said.

Airlines reach technical agreement

JEDDAH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — Sheikh Ahmad Matar, Saudia's chairman of the board, returned here from Bahrain Monday after signing a technical pool agreement among Saudia, Kuwait Airways, Alia (Royal Jordanian), Middle East Air Liban and Gulf Air.

A Saudia spokesman said the aim of the

Telephone capacity increased

RIYADH, Dec. 2 — Saudi Telephone has announced that a major increase in the installed capacity of the Kingdom's telecommunications system will take place on December 1 (Muharram 23, 1401), when two new exchanges are opened to serve the citizens.

agreement is to achieve technical integration and self-sufficiency among the five companies. Under the agreement, the firms will coordinate various maintenance operations involving the planes' engines, bodies, precision work and telecommunications equipment. It also covers other types of ground technical services and the exchange of

These new exchanges have a combined capacity of almost 10,000 lines. This represents one of the largest single increases in telephone capacity recorded by Saudi Telephone, and is equivalent to the provision of service to an entire large community.

spare-parts. Each of the five companies will have a limited responsibility in these fields, but Saudia will be in charge of the repair and maintenance of the bodies of the five companies' aircraft. The agreement will go into effect in 1985.

The spokesman said the agreement will extend in future to specifications of planes to be bought and the type of engines to be purchased so as to obtain the best technical and price advantages.

He also said that an agreement was signed last Saturday in Manama, Bahrain, to set up a Joint Computerized Reservation Center for the five companies. The center will soon go into operation in Bahrain.

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Newsman tour French sites

JEDDAH, Dec. 2 — On the occasion of opening a new direct flight between Jeddah and Nice, Air France, invited a Saudi Arabian press delegation to visit France. The delegation visited Nice, located on the French Riviera, and its historic features. The tour lasted five days starting Nov. 23.

Air France, founded in 1918, added the new weekly Sunday flight to its network that links 77 countries over an area of 370,000 square miles. The airline carries more than 11 million passengers around the world annually.

The Saudi Arabian delegation also visited Monaco and radio Monte Carlo in the capital. The group also visited Cannes, the city of the annual film festivals. The delegation was received on its arrival by the director general of festivals and other tourism officials.

Nice is one of the world's famous tourist places, and is visited by more than six million tourists from various parts of the world every year. The city's population numbers about one million. The delegation later visited Paris and inspected various historic features including the Palace of Versailles and the famous Lido Theatre.

The delegation also visited Air France's training center and Charles DeGaulle International Airport in which they saw the Concorde aircraft of Air France fleet.

Aba Al Khail departs for China discussions

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — Minister of Finance and National Economy, Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khail, left for Taipei Tuesday to attend the fifth session of the Saudi-Chinese Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation.

High on the agenda are economic cooperation, communications, agriculture, trade, industry and electricity, energy, and technical cooperation in the various fields.

Sheikh Muhammad will be accompanied, among others, by Dr. Teda Ubaid, head of the National Center for Science and Technology; Muhammad Al-Sugayyer, vice chairman and delegated member to the Saudi Fund for Development; and Dr. Nasser Al-Salloum, communications undersecretary for roads.

Trade exchanges between Saudi Arabia and the Republic of China has grown rapidly in recent years. Saudi imports from China jumped 321 times during the past ten years. From SR6 million in 1969, they went up to SR1.99 billion in 1979. At the same time, Saudi exports to China doubled 7.4 times during the same period. They jumped from SR44 million to SR3.287 million.

COMMENT

By Al Billal

The Ministry of the Interior issued an order asking those, having entered the country on visitors' visa three months to leave by Wednesday, which marks the end of the visa according to new regulations.

This is quite right because it follows that those who came here on the pretext of visiting their relatives or friends must leave the country to show their respects for the laws of the land and in order to avoid the penalties attached to overstaying.

Our country welcomes those who arrive here to help in the development plans provided that they should behave and abide by the rules because the government will not forgive those who flout them. We hope that those concerned will respond gracefully and appreciate our position.

By Abdullahi Omar Khayyat
Al Jazirah

Talking about the pilgrimage leads us to the problem of pilgrims who overstay their pilgrimage visas, something which happens so often that the authorities have doubled their efforts to see that they leave the country at the end of the season. But we must point out that the responsibility for overstaying must be placed on the Saudi Arabian citizens who help them to do so either by concealing their presence or employing them cheaply.

The citizens should help the authorities stamp out this problem and it is their duty as good citizens to inform the authorities about violators of the rules including pilgrims and visitors. It is well known that those who overstay are after gainful employment and this they cannot get unless they secure the cooperation of the Saudi Arabian nationals and companies. Thus we are all directly responsible for ending this phenomena.

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Israeli religious minister facing bribery charges

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (AP) — Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abu-Hatzeira intends to fight against a move to strip his parliamentary immunity so he can be tried on a criminal charge of bribery. "I will not resign," Israeli newspapers Tuesday quoted the embattled minister as saying through associates in response to demands that he leave office until the courts deal with the two-count bribery charge against him.

Abu-Hatzeira, the first government minister ever in Israel to face the lifting of immunity, made no direct comment to the press.

But sources close to him were quoted in the *Jerusalem Post* and other newspapers saying that "witch-hunters," libel-mongers and politically hostile elements were behind the police investigation that stretched over three months.

Attorney General Itzhak Zamir capped the long-simmering scandal Monday night by announcing that he would press charges against Abu-Hatzeira and his close aide, Moshe Gabai. The charge sheet alleges that

PLO adopts measures to face Israel repression

DAMASCUS, Dec. 2 (R) — Palestinian leaders said Monday they had approved new measures for supporting resistance to Israel's repression and settlement plans in the occupied territory.

They said the strategy was adopted at a six-hour emergency meeting here Sunday night of the Palestine Central Council (PCC), the main policy-making body of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Khaled Al-Faboum, speaker of the Palestine National Council, told reporters that the PCC had also discussed the attitude of the incoming U.S. administration of President-elect Ronald Reagan to the Palestine issue.

Pakistan, Indonesia stress Arab rights, Israeli pullout

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 2 (AFP) — Pakistan and Indonesia have stressed the "imperative need" for the withdrawal of "foreign troops" from Afghanistan and Kampuchea and called upon all concerned to find an early solution to the two problems.

Setting these crises should be in accordance with the decision taken by the Islamic foreign ministers conference on Afghanistan and the United Nations General Assembly resolutions on Kampuchea, a joint communique issued Monday at the end of Indonesian President Suharto's three-day state visit to Pakistan said here.

On the Middle East, the two sides expressed their conviction that a just and lasting peace in the region cannot be achieved without the Israeli withdrawal from all the

the two accepted bribes in 1979 equivalent to about \$15,000.

Also named were Shmuel Daskel and Rabbi Amram Corach, who allegedly offered the bribes in return for grants from Abu-Hatzeira's ministry of religious schools run by Daskel and Corach.

The house committee of the Knesset, Israel's parliament, will begin deliberations next Monday on Zamir's request that Abu-Hatzeira's immunity be lifted so that he can be prosecuted to court. The bribery charge carries a maximum seven-year prison term.

Most Israeli commentators predicted that the 21-member committee would agree to remove the immunity, though the 42-year-old minister was reported to be lobbying hard to convince them he is innocent. The committee's decision is expected in two or three weeks, and then the full 120-member Knesset would have to ratify the ruling.

The announcement of the charge sheet against Abu-Hatzeira struck at the prestige of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's cabinet, but paradoxically the scandal was not considered likely to further weaken Begin's narrow hold on the Knesset. Abu-Hatzeira is a leader of the National Religious Party, a junior member of Begin's coalition and a party that had been pressing for early elections until the scandal surfaced in the press last summer. Now the Religious Party fears losing votes if the elections were held while the scandal festers on.

An editorial in the English language *Jerusalem Post* called on Begin to ask Abu-Hatzeira to leave office until his name is cleared. The liberal *Haaretz* newspaper commented that the minister "has to be interested in the courts clearing his name" and said he should stop lobbying against the lifting of immunity.

occupied territories, including Jerusalem, and the restoration of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to establish an independent state in their homeland.

Pakistani President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq and President Suharto said that the peoples of Afghanistan and Kampuchea should be allowed to exercise their "inalienable right to determine their own destinies free from outside intervention, interference or coercion."

During the official talks, the communique said, the two leaders had an exchange of view in an atmosphere of "warm friendship, cordiality and mutual understanding which characterized the relations between the two countries."



PATROL: An Iraqi commando patrol advances in Sadr's Zabab in the northern sector of a battlefield with Iran. Iraqi military communiques reported heavy fighting in the area over the past few days.

Immigration to Israel drops sharply

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (R) — Immigration to Israel showed a sharp drop in 1980 while the number of Israelis moving abroad increased, government statistics showed Monday.

Figures published in the annual statistical

abstract indicated that Israel's population by the end of this year will be 3,917,000.

The estimated number of immigrants for 1980 was given as 22,000 compared with 37,000 in 1979 and 26,000 in 1978.

Kuwait arrests 3 men in bombing bid

KUWAIT, Dec. 2 (AP) — Three persons have been arrested in connection with an attempt to bomb the offices of a Muslim social reform association in Kuwait, the interior ministry has announced.

The statement Monday said the three suspects, whose identity and nationality were withheld, have been referred to the prosecutor's office of the state security court for

interrogation.

The statement denied a report in the local newspaper *Al-Anba* that a diplomat in an unidentified Arab embassy and a former army officer in an unidentified Arab country, were among the suspects.

The statement said a time-bomb planted at the association's offices in Kuwait was discovered and defused two weeks ago.

Ethiopian raids kill 41, Somalia says

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 2 (AP) — Somalia has charged that Ethiopian military planes attacked two Somali localities last week, killing 41 persons. Somali Ambassador Ahmad Muhammad Adan Monday wrote U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim that 31 were killed and 39 injured at Adado and 10 others killed at Dhusa Mareeb, capital of Galdogud province.

He said the attacks occurred on Thursday

and Friday and buildings were destroyed or damaged in both places. The ambassador said Ethiopia "will be held responsible for this continued unprovoked aggression."

In a letter dated last Wednesday, he had told Waldheim that Ethiopian planes the day before "attacked the capital of the Mudugh province" in Somalia. He asked him to hand out copies of both letters to all U.N. members.

EEC stand opposed to Israel-Shamir

PARIS, Dec. 2 (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir claimed in a interview published Tuesday the Common Market position on the Middle East conflict was wholly opposed to that of Israel. "All the principles of the last EEC summit in Venice are in flagrant contradiction with the Israeli

positions", Shamir told the French daily *Le Quotidien de Paris*.

"This is particularly true of all the points which touched on Jerusalem, or Palestinian right to self-determination which in effect means a Palestinian state."

Suppression campaign goes on Bir Zeit U official arrested

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (AP) — Israeli authorities Monday arrested the top executive of Bir Zeit University in the occupied West Bank and banned a conference of Palestinian Arabs.

Dr. Gabi Baramki, 51, acting president of Bir Zeit University, was detained for questioning Monday morning when he entered the West Bank over the Allenby Bridge from Jordan after a two-week trip abroad.

A spokesman for the West Bank military government claimed that Baramki had "violated" a promise he gave last year that

there would not be Palestinian nationalist activities on the Bir Zeit campus. Three weeks ago military authorities closed Bir Zeit for a week when students tried to stage a "Palestine Week" — an event that in past years was a focus of anti-Israeli sentiment.

In an attempt to suppress Palestinian nationalism, Prime Minister Menachem Begin, acting as defense minister, signed an order banning a conference of Palestinian Arabs that was to have started Saturday.



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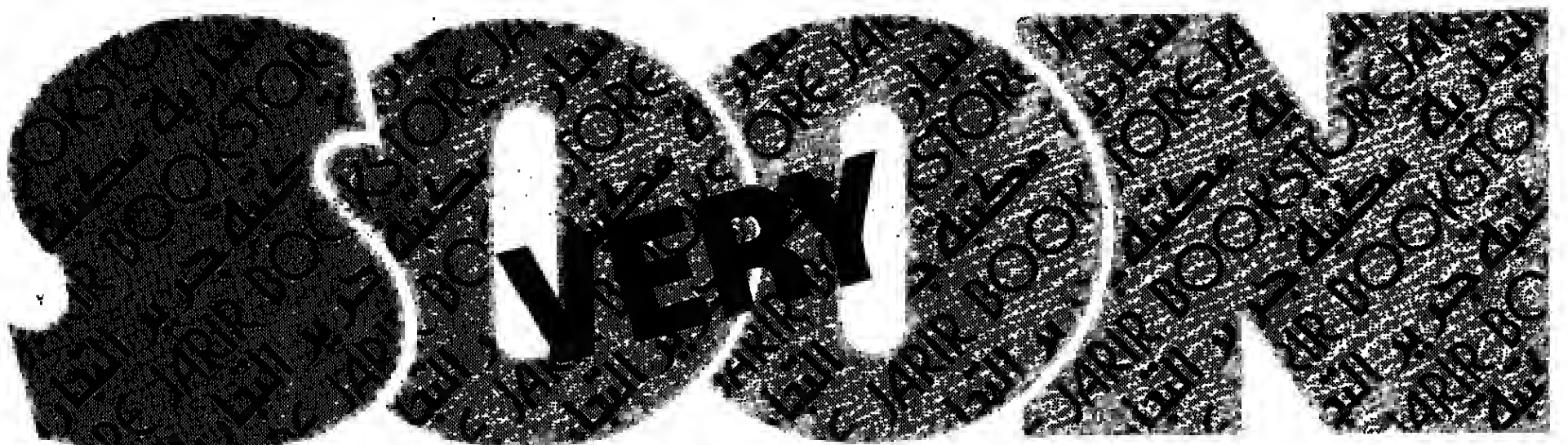
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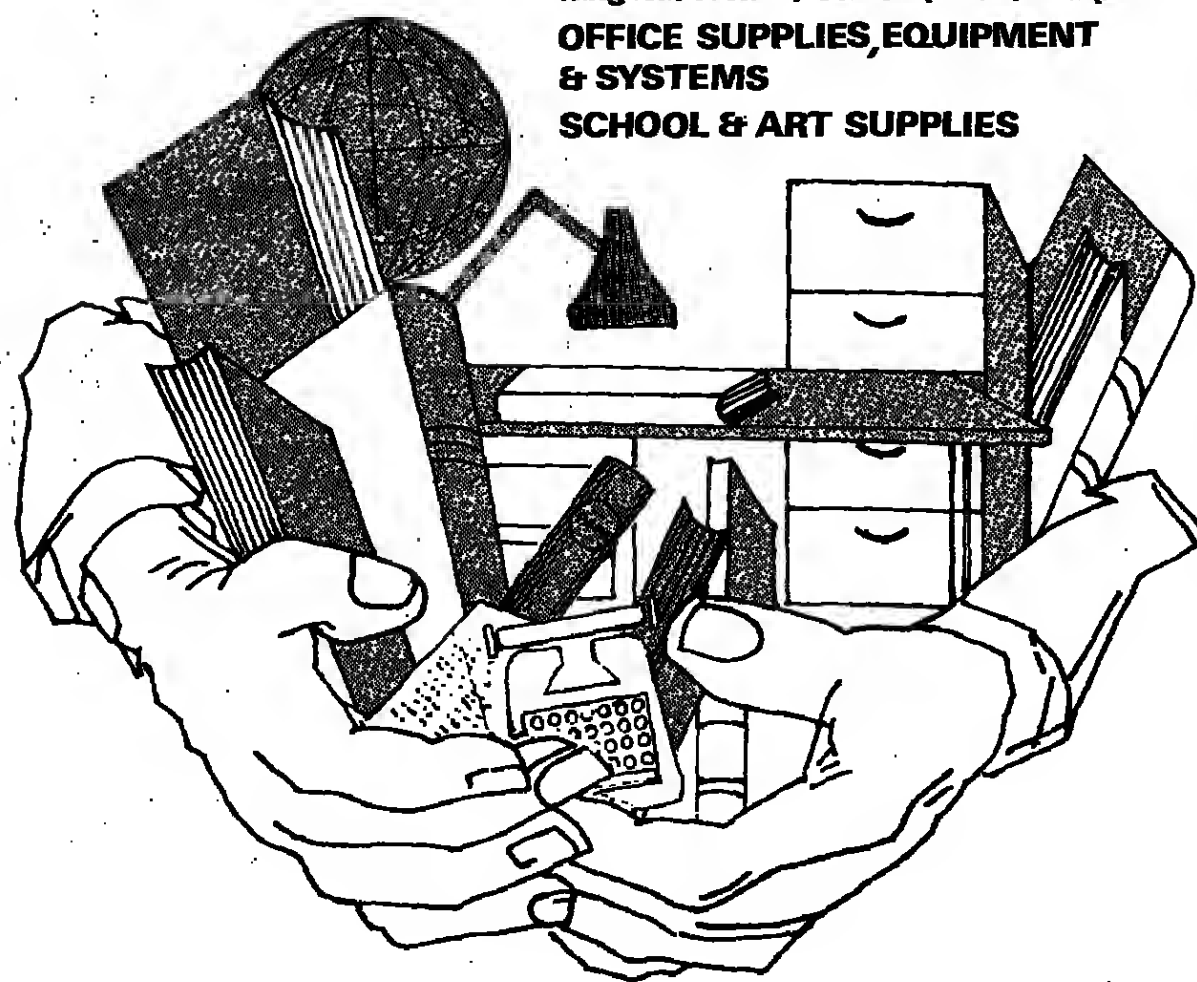


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By women's tennis

Appearance fees set for study

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 2 (AP) — The Women's Tennis Association will move to bring the issue of appearance fees out into the open after Wendy Turnbull's attack on some of the world's tennis super stars Sunday.

The WTA announced here Monday that, following Turnbull's statements after the final of the Australian Open in Melbourne, the issue of appearance money — or guarantees — in women's tennis would be brought before the association's board of directors in Chicago in January.

The WTA press statement stipulated that it is a violation of the association's code of conduct to accept appearance money or guarantees for participation in a tournament.

"The WTA recognizes that this issue has been a 'grey area' in tennis for quite some time and, in response to the suggestion made by Wendy Turnbull, the matter will be brought up before the board of directors at its next meeting," the statement said.

After losing to young Czech Hana Mandlikova in Sunday's final of the Toyota Australian Open, Turnbull, who is the treasurer of the WTA's board of directors, spoke out on the issue of match appearance fees.

"I don't think anyone should get guarantees," Turnbull said. "I don't care how they get around it, by doing an advertisement or whatever."

Turnbull singled out reigning Wimbledon champion Evonne Goolagong Cawley, who allegedly demanded an appearance fee, reportedly \$30,000.

Cawley has been featured prominently on national television recently in an advertisement for last week's tournament sponsor, Toyota.

Toyota defended its decision to use her in the advertisement. "The decision was made nine months ago and it was agreed to use an easily recognizable tennis personality to endorse one of our cars in conjunction with the promotion of the Australian Open," a company spokesman said.

On the contentious issue of appearance fees, the company stated emphatically: "Toyota did not pay appearance money or guarantee to any player for competing in the Australian Open, nor does it intend to do so in the future."

Cawley, who dropped out of the current New South Wales Building Society women's open in Sydney after her shock defeat in last week's Australian Open, was at the White City courts here Monday on a photographic assignment for the tournament sponsor.

Questioned about the controversy she has become embroiled in, the 29-year-old Cawley replied: "I don't want to comment about it. I am surprised Wendy said it."

The simmering row over appearance payments overshadowed the opening day of the \$120,000 NSW open. The top eight seeds, headed by Martina Navratilova and Hana Mandlikova, had first round byes and there were relatively few surprises on the opening day.

Olympics fade from Moscow minds

MOSCOW, Dec. 2 (AP) — Communist Party slogans have replaced the colorful "welcome" signs at the buildings that used to be the model Olympic Village. And the grinning bear cub Misha — mascot of the games

have now turned to the final accounting: the money made and lost, the propaganda successes and failures, and the long-term effect on Russia of the first Olympics in a Socialist country.

Snowdrifts now stand around the Olympic Village skyscrapers, once the home of 8,644 athletes and officials from 81 nations. It is a Soviet housing development now, with supplies imported for the Olympic being sold off to the tenants.

Like almost all Olympic sites, it has been handed over to Moscow authorities for presidential and sports purposes. Hundreds of children crowd daily into its gymnasiums and pools, and other sports complexes — including the modernistic Olympic Swimming Center in central Moscow — are also being opened to the public.

Moscow has profited in other ways as well. An IBM Olympic computer is now coordinating the city's ambulance services, new hotels are available for city use and telephone service has been improved.

Perhaps most important, Soviet officials saw that the city did not crumble before the onslaught of foreign tourists — which newspapers warned would include platoons of CIA agents and assorted other subversives out to politically contaminate Moscow's population. Some Soviet sources believe the Olympic experience may lead to more international events here and less worry by officials about ideological consequences.

Few Russians dispute that the games were an enormous boost to Soviet national pride. Soviet journalists and commentators told their audiences that the selection of Moscow as the games' main city was a world tribute to

Soviet sports achievements and even to the country's "peace-loving foreign policy."

But Soviet Olympic officials admit that the boycott campaign led by the United States over Soviet intervention in Afghanistan was a massive blow to the image of the games.

"You have to see everything through the prism of the campaign against the games launched by the U.S. government," Vitaly Smirnov, the deputy head of the Moscow Olympic organizing committee, said in an interview last week.

"This obviously left its impression," he said. "I know the ordinary person in the United States, for instance, did not get a true picture of the games through either television or the press."

The absence of such major sporting powers as the United States, West Germany and Japan tarnished the entire games, Soviet officials admit, despite the setting of 36 world sports records. The number of participating countries was 40 to 50 short of the highest Soviet hopes, and many Soviet citizens were openly disappointed at the turnout.

The number of Western tourists at the games was also well below Soviet expectations, and the drop may have cost as much as \$200 million in lost revenues, according to one Western estimate. American visitors, for example, dropped to about 4,000 people from an original estimate of 30,000.

The financial results of the game are still unclear, and may never be fully announced. Smirnov estimated that the organizing committee itself had no "major expenses that weren't covered by our income." The cost of new facilities built exclusively for the Olympics has been estimated at close to \$400 million.

Mr. Universe titles awarded in Manila

MANILA, Dec. 2 (AP) — A German, an Englishman, a Finn and an Austrian each won a Mr. Universe title, outdoing 72 other contestants from 34 countries in four divisions of the 1980 world amateur bodybuilding championships here Sunday night.

Hubert Metz, a 29-year-old, 215-pound (98 kilograms) gym instructor from Nuremberg, West Germany, won the heavyweight title in a four-hour colorful ceremony.

President Ferdinand E. Marcos, a body-

building enthusiast himself, awarded the medals and trophies to the winners, who were elected by a seven-member international panel of judges.

Reid Schidbe, a 30-year-old fish inspection officer from Manitoba, Canada, wound up in second place behind Metz, followed by Austrian Christian Janatch, 30.


Winner of the light heavyweight division was Johnny Fuller, 36, of England, who holds the 1978 and 1980 Mr. Europe titles.

Runners-up were American Austin Brom-

ton, 30, and Keijo Reiman of Finland.

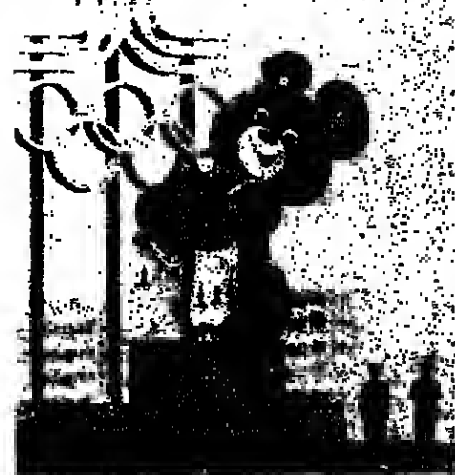
The middleweight title went to five-time winner from Scandinavia, Jorma Räsä, 33, who operates a health food store in Helsinki, Finland. Richard Bakwin, 30, of the U.S. finished in second place, followed by Austrian Alfred Jonker.

Heinz Sallmayer, a metal worker from Friedrichshafen, West Germany, who represented his native Austria in the contest took the lightweight title.



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BACK TO NORMAL: Misha the Bear, symbol of the Moscow Olympics, now has given up his hair to routine Soviet life. The Olympic Village, part of which is in the background, is now a housing development.

— no longer beams down from posters and shop windows.

Three months after the Olympic flame was switched off at Lenin Stadium, Soviet Olympic fever has faded rapidly. Officials

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Allison set to team up with Palace

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP) — Malcolm Allison, whose managerial career looked in ruins when Manchester City sacked him seven weeks ago, has been appointed joint team-manager at struggling Crystal Palace.

The 53-year-old Allison is joining Palace, second from bottom of the First Division, for the second time. He managed the club from March, 1973, to May, 1976, in that time Palace slipped from the First to Third Divisions. Although it is fair to point out that they were already doomed to drop from the First Division when he joined them. His reign came to a close when Palace just missed promotion from the third and had come to within one match of the FA Cup final.

Allison joins Ernie Walley in the manager's chair. The long-serving Walley was made manager when Terry Venables left recently for another London club, Queens Park Rangers. Venables had steered the club from the third to the first in two years. Last season Palace threatened Liverpool for the championship but this year it never moved away from the foot of the table.

"When I went to Palace before they had seven games left (in the First Division), and five of them were away, I couldn't keep them one of the Second Division," Allison said. "But the picture is healthier now because of the kind of players at the club and I've got more time."

The controversial Allison spent eight million pounds trying to rebuild Manchester City but the club sacked him in October and since John Bond took over City has moved confidently out of the relegation zone.

Allison was at Selhurst Park Saturday to see Manchester beat Palace 3-2 and was asked by Palace chairman Ray Bloye to return.

His most successful period was when he coached Manchester City, under the management of Joe Mercer, to the 1968 league championship. He was never able to repeat the feat.

FIFA tells America to use international fields

ROME, Dec. 2 (AP) — International soccer federation, FIFA, President Jose Havelange of Brazil Tuesday says the United States and Canada 90 days to start playing their international matches on correctly laid-out grass pitches.

Havelange also threatened to pull FIFA out of the Olympic movement if the International Olympic Committee did not revise its distribution of television revenue from the Moscow games.

The FIFA executive committee, meeting here, rejected the IOC decision to accord it



TOO LATE: Garth Crooks of Tottenham Hotspur gets away a shot in the match with West Bromwich Saturday. Coming up too late to defend is West Brom's Rauli Mies. West Brom's three second-half goals upended the Spurs, 3-1.

Brother against brothers

Soccer battle splits Dundee

By Robert Phillips

DUNDEE, Scotland, Dec. 2 (R) — What ever the outcome of Saturday's Scottish soccer league cup final between city neighbors Dundee and Dundee United, Sunday breakfast in the Fraser household is likely to be a somber affair.

Indeed, Dundee midfielder Cammy Fraser may find an unappetizing bowl of cold porridge awaiting his arrival at the table. Fraser's brothers Alex, Leonard and Robert are fanatical United fans. Such is the rivalry between the clubs, whose stadia stand side by side in the same street, that Fraser has refused to give his brothers tickets to the game at Dundee's dens park ground.

"I told them that if they would wear the blue of Dundee I would get them a seat in the

grandstand," said Fraser, "but when they insisted they would sport the angeline colors of United I recommended that they start queuing for tickets."

The Frasers were among the fortunate 24,000 to obtain tickets for a game that has split this city into two camps.

It will be only the third occasion in the last 21 years that neither of Glasgow's big two, Rangers and Celtic, will be competing in the league cup final. For that reason the Scottish league rejected Hampden Park, traditionally the stage for all major football games in Scotland, and asked the Dundee clubs to toss a coin for choice of venue.

Even the referee, Bob Valentine, is a local, although he has wisely refrained from disclosing what colors he would be wearing if he were not officiating.

refereeing commission's report on stadia used in the United States and Canada for international matches.

"The difference in markings for football (soccer), American football and softball created all sorts of problems for our referees," the commission's chairman, Artemio Franchi of Italy, said, "and use of synthetic surfaces presents both technical and physical problems for visiting sides." Franchi is also president of the European Football Union (UEFA).

FIFA were alarmed by the international

S. Australia whips India by 43 runs

ADELAIDE, Dec. 2 (AP) — India, in a lamentable display of batting, was all out for 78 in its second innings and beaten by 43 runs by South Australia at Adelaide oval 20 minutes before stumps on the final day here Tuesday.

Set the reasonably easy target of scoring 122 runs in 123 minutes plus 20 overs in the last hour, India was dismissed in 29.5 overs in 135 minutes with the match ending in the eighth of the final 20 overs.

Left arm paceman Geoff Attenborough finished with 20 for four wickets off 11 overs and newcomer Ross McLellan 18 for four in seven overs.

India obviously had taken the innings far too easily.

It re-arranged its batting order and never recovered from the initial onslaught by Attenborough who took 4-15 including four for three wickets in nine deliveries.

In between this devastating spell, Rodney HJogs chipped in to uproot Chetan Chauhan's stumps, leaving India 37 for five. Then Ross McLellan completed the rout by taking his four wickets in 6.3 overs.

There was no excuse for such poor batting after the first innings display when India led 456 for nine, averaging five runs an over.

Attenborough stars

The highest score in the second innings was 13 by Gundappa Viswanath, who was at the wicket for 88 minutes. Only three other players reached credible figures.

Viswanath, who was captaining the Indians in this match, said the batting had been pathetic.

"When the first three wickets fell quickly, the crash came. There was a great deal of pressure on the remaining players who were unable to handle it, regrettably," Viswanath said.

The collapse began when Attenborough had Roger Binny caught at point off the first ball of his third over and Kapil Dev caught in the covers off the fifth delivery.

The third ball of his fourth over was cover driven by Kirti Azar into Rick Darling's hands in the covers. All were careless strokes.

Hogg then completely beat and bowled Chetan Chauhan by sheer pace after which Attenborough had Patil picked up by the wicketkeeper leaving India 30 for five.

With Srinivasan suffering some discomfort after being hit between the shoulder blades while fielding at short leg in South Australia's second innings, it was a question of separating him and Viswanath for the home side to wrap up the innings.

This came when McLellan bowled Viswanath.

When the last 20 overs began India was for six needing 73 runs for victory and S.A. four wickets.

On the eve of the final day South Australia was 180 for six — a lead of only 26 runs — when the Indians apparently believed they had the game in their keeping.

But there was unexpected opposition from new batsman David Lovell who with Attenborough put on 79 in 123 minutes for the eighth wicket.

Ali-Gardner fight still unconfirmed

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP) — The British boxing Board of Control Tuesday confirmed it had not received any application from European heavyweight champion John L. Gardner to fight the former world titleholder Muhammad Ali early next year in Tokyo.

Despite reports that the Board of Control wants to ban what would be considered a controversial match, a spokesman said: "Until we get an application for such a fight there is nothing officially we can say."

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At Jeddah exhibition

Seven artists aim to impress collectors

By Rama Siddiqi

JEDDAH — Representing seven different nationalities, seven talented young members of Jeddah Fine Arts Society have embarked on a project to display their handiwork at the Redec Plaza from Dec. 7-11.

The exhibition aptly entitled "Seven Impressions," is a combined effort of painters Leyla Farra, Flo Liebst, Mufeedah Kahera, Patrice Bac, Gabriele Mazzara, Frans Kamp and local marine expert and Red Sea diver Gunner Bemert — all well known on the Jeddah art circuit. On show will be more than a hundred paintings, sketches, calligraphy samples and photographs in a rainbow of techniques, styles and media.

An Arab News interview with some of the participants revealed that although vigorous preparations have been carried out only in the past two months, the idea of this exhibition was first conceived after the Jeddah Fine Arts Society's annual exhibition last spring. "Many people felt" said Leyla Farra, "that it was far too crowded with too many entries, making it very difficult for the visitors to give full attention to individual artists. Besides, we felt that a small show around this time of the year would be a good idea."

All seven artists participating in the show have distinct styles of their own: even where the subject is similar, the wide range of media

and varied techniques produces very different and individualistic results.

Mrs. Leyla Farra, a founder member of the Jeddah Fine Arts Society and coordinator for "Seven Impressions," observed that in an exhibition of well-known artists whose style and techniques are very different from each other, viewers will have an opportunity to compare a variety of techniques.

Mrs. Farra, an architect and interior decorator by profession, has also studied painting in her native Lebanon. The Farra family has been residing in Jeddah since 1969. She is famed for her Saudi scenes, mostly in water color. It is perhaps her study of architecture that leads her to draw buildings and streets.

She has also experimented with oil paints and acrylics with very satisfying results. Her latest acrylics are large decorative panels bursting with hot earth colors and a maze of lines passing through all the subjects. The overall effect here is almost ethereal, with objects floating through the curving lines.

Leyla has also tried her hand at pastels, especially in portrait making. Although she describes using pastels as a very delicate technique, she has obviously mastered it, as is apparent from her lifelike pictures of mother and child.

Italian artist Gabriele Mazzara is also an architect by profession, working in Jeddah

for the past four years. Gabriele, who was always interested in painting and drawing, has studied the old masters and taken art courses to further improve his hobby. He has, in spite of a busy work schedule, always found time to paint. His paintings have been on display in Italy, England, and Jeddah.

Gabriele Mazzara is interested in capturing faces and landscape on the canvas. The strong, lively colors and strokes in his desert scenes, Saudi faces and towns have won him well deserved fame. "I worked as a scenographer once" says Gabriele. "That's why I love to paint towns, costumes, and such things." While in England in the late sixties, one of his exhibitions depicting the "Beat Generation" attracted considerable attention. One of his paintings of a clown, which he generously donated to the local infant school, is a constant delight to the tiny tots.

Unlike Leyla, Gabriele does not like to paint houses and buildings. "As I am always designing houses in connection with my job, I do not feel like painting them for a hobby," he remarked.

An English lady married to a Dane, Flo Liebst wanted to study Art ever since she was a little girl. Her parents, however, did not consider it a 'profession' so to please them she took a degree in engineering, never made use of it, and became a professional photographer instead.

About six years ago she decided to give full reign to her childhood yearning for paint and

brush. Looking at her colorful souk scenes and fast disappearing old Jeddah buildings, one would not believe that Flo has not had technical training in art and painting.

Her early renderings in Batik were highly successful. Her earlier work was more figurative, but for the past one year she has become inclined towards abstract painting. Mrs. Liebst, who has taken part in various art shows in Khartoum and Jeddah, uses oils, acrylics, tempera, and water color. Most of her paintings are about the Middle East and Scandinavia and are based on careful observation.

Another architect-cum-artist is Frans Kamp. A Dutchman with a love of travelling, he has utilized his professional training to produce beautiful sketches in water color, pen, and pencil. These architectural sketches are of a very high quality and accuracy.

Some of the sketches on show at the "Seven Impressions" are like a travelogue of his year-long journey through Africa, Europe, Russia, and Japan.

Patrice Bac, a Parisian by birth, is the only artist in the group of seven who has studied art professionally. He is a former student of Ecole Bouille and Ecole Camondo. His favorite media are oil, water color, ink and pencil. He has also done some beautiful copper engravings. Bac is the holder of a degree in interior designing and it's in this capacity that he has been residing in Jeddah since 1978.

American Mufeedah Kahera was a



FLO LIEBST: 'Conquest', a work in paper batik

Catholic who embraced Islam after a careful study of the faith during her stay in the Kingdom. She has studied art in New York and specializes in hand printing and wood and linoleum engravings. Mrs. Kahera's arabesque and calligraphic printings are skillfully executed and are very beautiful and decorative. She has taken part in various art exhibitions in Jeddah and also had a show at Soho, New York. Mufeedah is a valued committee member of the Jeddah Fine Arts Society.

Gunner Bemert's beautiful photographs are an integral part of the forthcoming "Seven Impressions." Gunner, a Swede, came to Jeddah in 1974 as a commercial

diver, but a couple of years ago he decided to have a go at freelance photography. He is better known as the co-author of *The Red Sea Coral Reef*. His slides and photographs about the Red Sea and its marine life are considered the work of a master. Gunner plans to have on display at the exhibition not only his Red Sea marvels but also photographs from his other exploits.

There is no doubt that the artists participating in the forthcoming show are among the most prestigious of the Society's members and that the exhibition will provide an excellent opportunity for art lovers and collectors to appreciate and compare a variety of modes and media.

Log-choppers work off frustration and fuel bills

By Robert Daniel Fierro

NEW YORK — Say what you will about droughts, the fact remains that prolonged stretches of dry weather are a boon to those of us who have found a far less tedious approach to weight control, self-assertiveness and blank stares than making a fool of oneself in Adidas and short pants. We are talking about America's new breed of backyard Bunyans: those who find that cutting and splitting wood to feed furnaces makes dealing with energy crises almost a perverse pleasure these days.

The woodchoppers of America hate the rain — unless it falls on those lush groves of uncut and ripening oak, hickory, ash and cherry that provide the fuel for more than 5 million wood-burning stoves from Maine to Oregon. One must wait a good three days after a steady rainfall to cut and split a ream of firewood efficiently. Since most of us woodchoppers are not loggers by nature or employment, we scratch and scramble for chain saws, axes and mauls whenever the weather indicates that our chores will be that much more efficient.

And efficient we are. We not only provide fuel in such quantities as to have contributed,

however modestly, to the oil-conservation effort but also we clear our heads of the pressures and jobs that send the less athletically inclined to "shrinks" or those with good knees to the jogging paths around the Central Park reservoir. The woodchopper reaches his own high out there in the backyard, one which is unquestionably better for one's karma than hitting the wall after 20 miles.

Oh, what a high! Progressing at a steady, if somewhat choppy, pace, the woodcutter approaches his troubles with all the elan of a pugilist from the ghetto getting even with the man while pummeling a punching bag.

The blade of the maul encounters its first chore of the day, a particularly nasty and pulpy chunk of ash that refuses to yield on first thrust. "Ah ha!" — a direct hit — "goodbye, Exxon, take your \$1-a-gallon No. 2 heating oil to Manhattan!"

A split of cheery falls apart before your very eyes, much the same way a south American revolution does when confronted with the conflicting interests of nationalism, religion and ethnicity.

The stubborn hickory, parched in a summer sun and dry as an autoworker's paycheck, shatters into three pitifully

equal slabs without so much as a sappy challenge.

There goes your boss's noggin, splitting as easily as the aged red oak now lying in peaceful, winey-smelling halves on the turf.

Woodchoppers don't get off on Grade B popcorn features these days. We've got our own versions of "Mother's Day," "Dressed to Kill," "He knows You're Alone" and "Bruce Lee Returns" to keep us from the realities we are supposed to face each day.

He's a professional of sorts, and hardly what you'd call the rugged outdoors type, and he's very unhappy — on edge, so to speak. We are both in the repairshop waiting for our chain saws to emerge with the proper carburetor adjustments from the tinkers so that we can bet on with our assaults on the New York-Connecticut border.

"Man, this saw's been in here for three weeks," he moans. "This machine better be ready," he demands of the clerk, only the slightest flame of deprivation stealing into his eye.

"I know what you mean," I reply, equally exasperated. "This is the fourth time I've had my saw in the shop since August, and I've got a whole load of 16-inch red-and-white

oak lying around since January that I've got to get moving on."

"Oh, man, oak. That big? Where'd you get it?" The conversation continues along such lines as make special-interest magazines.

There is a rush about to beat the odds against a winter both cold and expensive winter, rooted in a sense of frustration and the honest belief that ingenuity is the better part of wholesome exercise. The chains are humming, the beech are falling, the mauls are flying through the October air, even out here in Queens where when it snows you can lift your nostrils out of your shoveling chores and catch the sweet aroma of sizzling papale and walnut fighting to overcome the smell from the Con Edison smokestacks.

Yes, the woodchoppers are content, having their own little ball. Only occasionally do we bow to reality, like when we have to trudge to the local Gulf station to fill our gallon cans with the stuff that makes our lives so heady, and our chain saws roll: gasoline.

Nobody ever said we were perfect, though. (Robert Daniel Fierro says he "writes about matters economic, travel and sporting from a perch atop a woodpile in Whitestone, Queens.")



LEYLA FARRA: 'Sowing', an acrylic painting

Nature group plans lecture, trips

JEDDAH, Dec. 2 — "Aspects of the Flora and Fauna of the Southern Asi Mountains" will be the title of a lecture to be given to the Saudi Arabian Natural History Society, by Dr. Iyad Nader of the College of Education at Abha. The talk begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6 at the United States Geological Survey compound, which is north of Spencer's

Restaurant off Medina Road South.

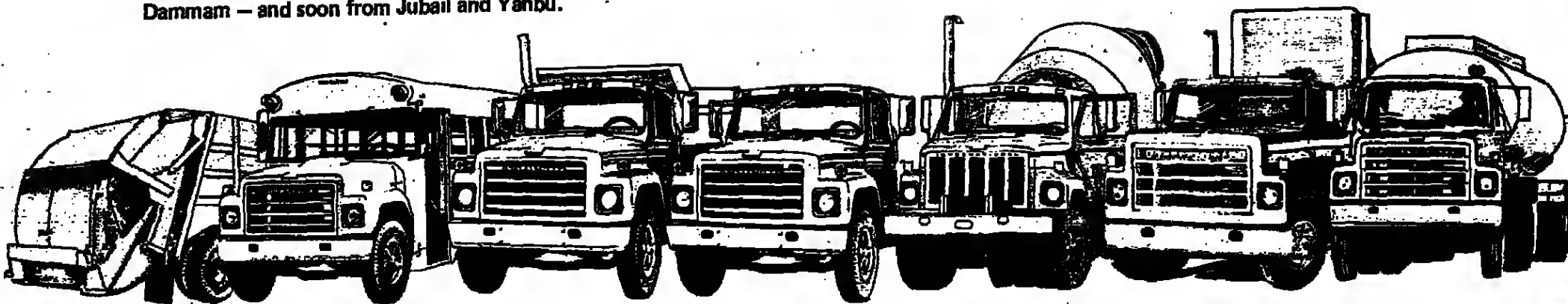
The society also is planning two excursions in the near future. The first, on Friday Dec. 19, will be a trip to climb the camel track up the Taif escarpment. The second will be a camping expedition to the Queen's Forest at Al-Baha on Jan. 1-2. Details of both excursions will be available at Saturday's meeting.

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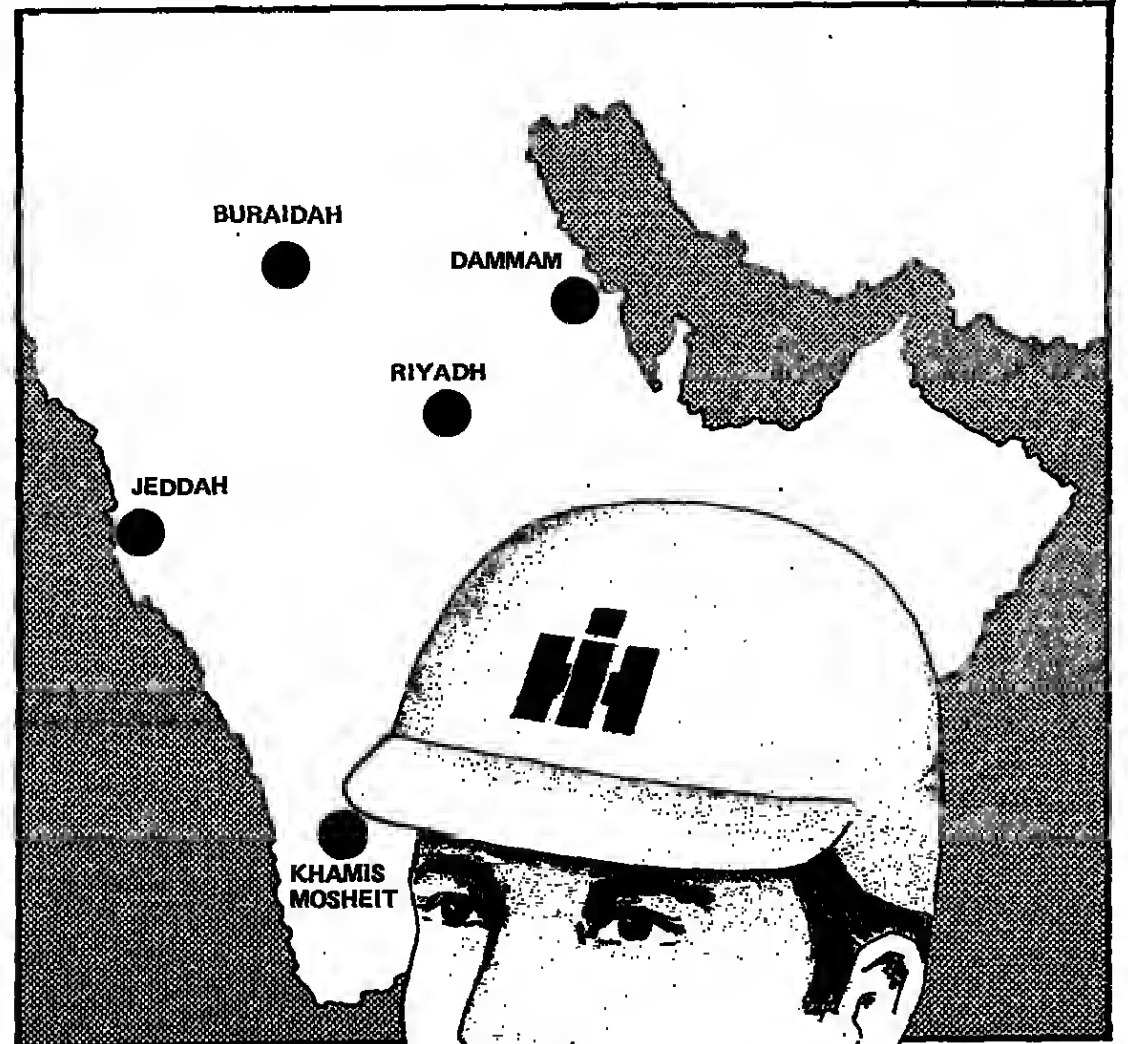
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Red Brigades kill Rome prison doctor

ROME, Dec. 2 (AP) — The Red Brigades, Italy's most feared urban guerrilla group, on Tuesday claimed responsibility for the assassination of a Rome prison official Monday night, police reported.

Dr. Giuseppe Furci, 54, the health director of Rome's largest prison, Regina Coeli, was shot twice in the head by unidentified gunmen as he approached his home in Fleming in northern Rome after leaving his private studio nearby, police said. He was killed instantly. Police said the assailants fled in a waiting car.

"We killed Dr. Furci of Rome," a man with northern Italian accent telephoned *L'Unita*, the Communist Party newspaper. "We knew him from his Milan days. Now our next target is Bettino Craxi who had one of our colleagues arrested."

Craxi is the head of the Socialist Party, the third largest party in Italy and a partner in Christian Democrat Premier Arnaldo Forlani's coalition government.

Police said the caller apparently referred to

Haiti admits roundup of 'agitators'

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Dec. 2 (AP) — The government admitted Monday Haitian police had made a "sweep of arrests" late last week in what it said was a move to "dismantle an underground network of agitators."

In a communique, printed on the front page of the government newspaper, *Nouveaux Mondes*, the government acknowledged that the U.S. Embassy here protested the arrests on Saturday. But it gave no indication it will heed U.S. pleas for early release of the prisoners.

The communique also made no mention of the number of persons arrested, but reliable

Manrizio Janelli, a suspected Red Brigade terrorist arrested in Rome last week, but they could not determine what role, if any, Craxi might have played in Janelli's arrest. Craxi was not immediately available for comment.

It was the second murder in three days claimed by the left-wing gang which kidnapped and murdered former Premier Aldo Moro in 1978.

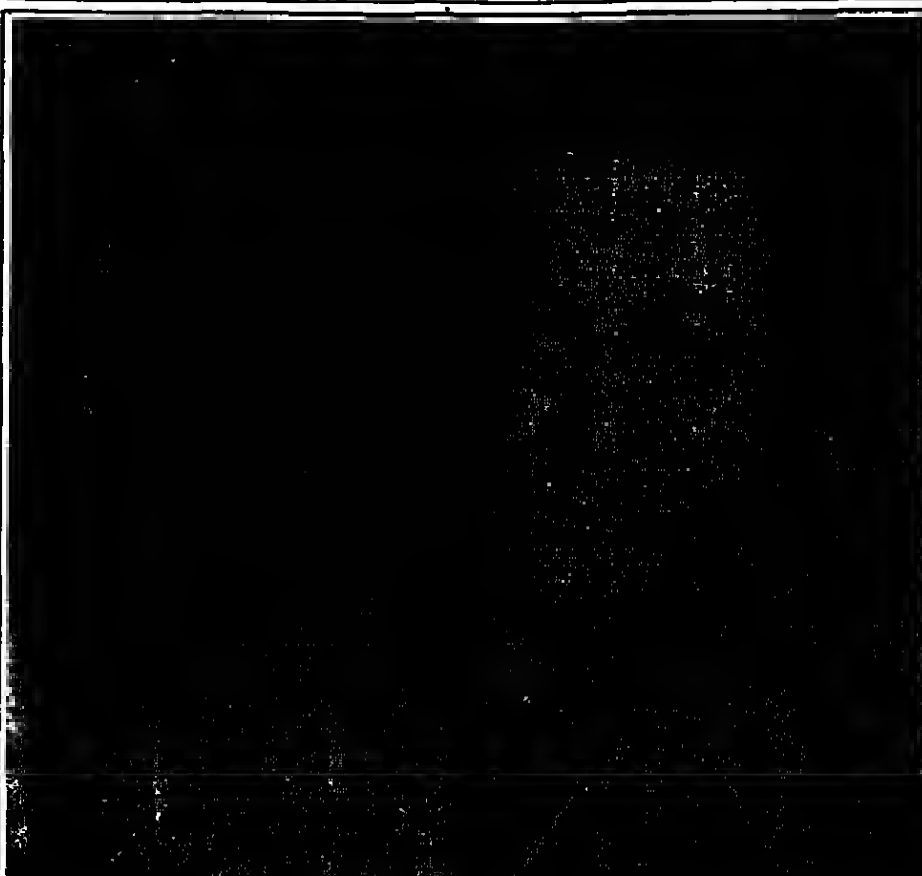
In Milan Friday, two youthful gunmen pumped three bullets into the neck and head of Manfredo Mazzanti, 54, a factory manager of the privately-owned Falck Steel Company. He died shortly after being rushed to a hospital.

A caller claiming to represent the Red Brigades told a news agency that the murder was part of its campaign against the state and "the bosses, for shorter working hours and jobs for everybody."

In another call shortly after the fatal attack on Mazzanti, the Red Brigades vowed to eliminate "all those responsible" for the arrest of Janelli, who is believed to be a leader of the group's Rome cell.

sources said it could be at least a dozen and include Gregori Eugene, head of the Christian Social Party and publisher of the newsletter *Fraternite*, and L'Infantini Joseph, secretary-general of the Haitian Human Rights League, Radio Metropole and Radio Haiti Inter.

The communique, signed by Jean B. Valme, colonel in the armed forces and chief of police for Port au Prince, said the arrests had been directed against "some agitators, both national and international, of Communist obedience connected with the media."



ENDANGERED CLOWN: Comedian Michel Colucci known as Coluche to French television viewers, leaves a court hearing on the gangland-style death of his stage director. Colucci himself is now under police guard after receiving written death threats.

Rubble marks spot of bulldozer driver's mistake

SOLIHULL, England, Dec. 2 (AP) — It was all a mistake, apparently, and a heap of rubble marks the spot. Instead of knocking down a derelict cowshed and barn, the bulldozer driver flattened an historic, well-preserved 18th century farmhouse worth \$149,500, on the opposite side of the road. The empty, three-story house, listed for preservation as architecturally valuable, was

demolished in an hour Sunday. The driver was not named and his employer, demolition contractor Daniel Doyle, had nothing to say. Thomas Richardson, mechanical services director from Solihull Council, which owns the property near Birmingham, said that the driver misread a map which should have made the "whole thing absolutely clear."



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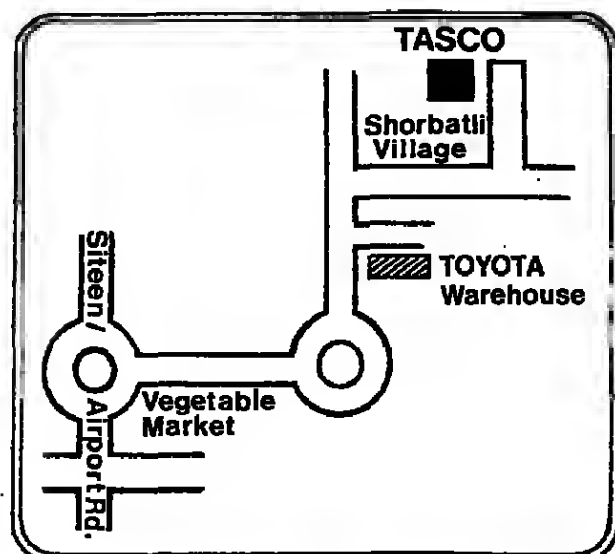
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Canadian charged

Swiss murder trial opens

AIGLE, Switzerland Dec. 2 (AP) — One of Switzerland's most absorbing murder mysteries — the case of the renowned Canadian university professor accused of slaying his wife of 37 years — comes to trial in this little agricultural town Wednesday, the day the defendant, Cyril S. Belshaw, turns 59.

Verdicts on charges of murder and falsifying records against Belshaw are to be announced Monday afternoon, following three days of scheduled testimony.

The prosecution will seek to prove that the New Zealand-born Belshaw, respected anthropologist and former professor and department chairman at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, was responsible for the death of Betty Joy Belshaw. Her decomposing body was found March 28, 1979, stuffed inside plastic bags hidden along an Alpine roadway near Aigle.

The prosecution also is expected to stress that Belshaw, in response to requests for his wife's dental charts, sent false records to Swiss investigators who said they had no other way of identifying the body.

Lawyers for Belshaw, who was arrested in Paris in November 1979 and has been in custody ever since, are expected to try to puncture the prosecution's case by arguing that it is circumstantial, that neither the cause nor the method of Mrs. Belshaw's death have been determined.

Belshaw has repeatedly maintained his innocence and has said that his 37-year-old wife simply disappeared while the two were on vacation in Switzerland's Rhone Valley.

There were, however, curious aspects about the behavior of Belshaw, a calm and soft-spoken man whose professional accomplishments and affiliations are varied and impressively long.

He was in Paris on Jan. 15, 1979, when he reported his wife missing. After her body finally identified — in October 1979, from accurate dental charts obtained by Canadian authorities — Belshaw declined investigators' requests to return to Switzerland to discuss the case. He reportedly was reluctant to talk about his wife's death when authorities looked for him in Canada.

Belshaw, who has written extensively about anthropological research and has served as president of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences,

Patronized by elite

Press raps Soviet quacks

MOSCOW, Dec. 2 (AFP) — The Soviet press has a new target to attack — charlatans of all kinds, particularly faith healers and medical quacks. Commentators have noted that the Soviet elite has a penchant for rushing to charlatans to cure them of their real, or imagined, ills.

An old Russian woman advised a correspondent recently: "When winter comes, you must breathe through your right nostril." The reason? Because it is the nostril controlling warm air and it is good for the brain. In any case, that is what an eminent faith healer Vitali Karayev wrote in one of his many controversial books.

Karayev also has discovered what he claims to be an infallible cure for cancer. Generously he has given his remedy to anybody who will try it: "Mix two tubes of toothpaste with several eggs, powdered milk and fruit juice."

The foreigner who arrives here with predetermined, and rather mythical, ideas of the Soviet state medical service would be amazed at the old wives remedies here. The fact is that the names and addresses of faith healers are eagerly exchanged. Ones for the poor usually operate in the suburbs, while those for the Soviet elite have luxury flats in the center of the capital, like pretty young Juna Davitashvili, from Georgia, whose healing powers have been widely praised in the press here.

Reports claim that she is able to cure a tumour by simply placing her hands on it. A member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences has "guaranteed" that she possesses extraordinary perception.

A widespread rumor, which has never been

denied, claims that President Leonid Brezhnev owes his apparent new bursts of youth and health to her.

The authorities seem somewhat puzzled about how to treat these "vestiges of the past," as they see all natural health cures. Some magazines are indulging in a witch hunt. They charge that Stefan Chernishev, who claims to have come from another world, is crazy and call on the health ministry to take urgent measures against all kinds of charlatanism in the Soviet Union.

Recently the reputable daily *Kommunist* listed dozens of so-called "magic potions" being sold in the country, without any kind of medical control. They include a Georgian faith-healer's gasoline-soaked nuts, which have killed several guinea-pigs within 24 hours in laboratory tests. The Soviet government daily *Izvestia*, in an article in the Nov. 26 issues suggested that it was time to put an end to the activities of charlatans.

But faith-healer Ivan Skovortsov, who practices in the suburbs, is unworried. "One of my clients is a vice-minister," he boasted.

He has a cure for influenza, epilepsy and

hardening of the arteries for a mere \$37 and

gets a monthly income of \$1,000 or five times

the average salary here.

It might well seem surprising that faith-

healers flourish in a country with 23,000 hos-

pitals, 35,000 clinics and six million health

employees, and where medical treatment is

free. But a West German laboratory which

has analyzed a whole new series of Soviet-

made drugs considers — only half in jest —

that perhaps attention ought to be given to

Soviet wives tales after all.

U.N. demands war chemical inquiry

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 2 (AFP) — Despite the opposition of Communist countries, the General Assembly's political committee Monday night demanded an impartial investigation of allegations about chemical warfare use recently in wars or military operations around the world.

The vote in the committee, on which all U.N. members are represented, was 62 to 17, with 32 abstentions. A further 43 countries were absent or did not take part in the vote.

The adopted text did not specify the countries where chemical weapons had supposedly been used. But U.N. sources suggested that the resolution's Western sponsors had Afghanistan, Laos and Cambodia in mind.

The text was hotly contested by the Soviet Union and its Communist allies in Eastern Europe, as well as by Vietnam, Laos and Afghanistan. The Soviet delegate branded the resolution "an anti-socialist maneuver."

FBI rejects two-gun finding in Kennedy probe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (R) — A congressional investigating committee was wrong in concluding that two gunmen probably took part in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has said.

The FBI said in a report that the scientific research used by the House of Representatives select committee on assassinations was faulty. The committee concluded in 1979 that "scientific acoustical evidence establishes a high probability that two gunmen fired at President John F. Kennedy."

It based its conclusion on testimony from acoustical experts who said a tape recording made during the assassination proved a second gunman was involved in the shooting in Dallas, Texas, on Nov. 22, 1963. The recording, a police headquarters tape, supposedly contained transmission from a police motor-

cycle in the Kennedy motorcade which was "stuck" in the transmitting mode for five minutes.

The U.S. government's official conclusion was that the murder was committed by Lee Harvey Oswald alone, firing from the Texas School Book Depository. The acoustic experts, Mark Weiss and Ernest Aschkenasy, said an analysis of the tape showed a 95 per cent probability that a second shot was fired from the grassy knoll alongside Dealey Plaza, the assassination site.

But the FBI said there was never any proof that the tape contained transmissions from an open microphone in the motorcade. The FBI also criticized the experts' assertion that the gunshots left a characteristic sound pattern on a computer.

The experts testified that the computer pattern they found could only have come from the grassy knoll.

May remain in Tokyo

Mansfield: everybody's Mr. Reliable

TOKYO, Dec. 2 (WP) — Mike Mansfield has the best of both worlds. Officially, he's the U.S. ambassador to Japan, and the Japanese see him as their ambassador to the United States. Both sides, it seems, like his way of representing them.

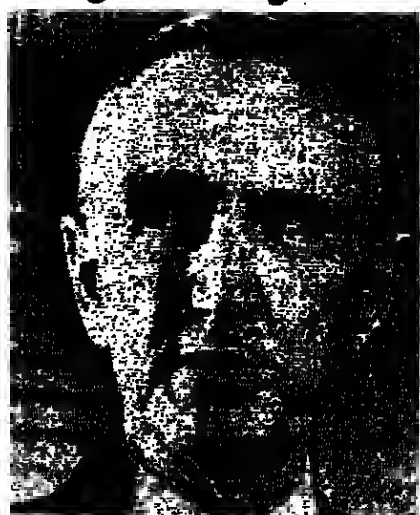
"He's trusted by the Japanese," said Shizuo Saito, this country's former ambassador to the United Nations. "The Japanese people think he is influential, both with the president and with congress, and so we think he is reliable."

In the current Washington interregnum, the 77-year-old ambassador seems to inspire similar approval. His is a voice in Asia that the Carter administration has listened to, and there are hints from Ronald Reagan's foreign policy advisers that he may be asked to stay a while longer in Tokyo.

In the past, Mansfield has listed himself as a one-term ambassador, ready to leave when Carter's first four years expired. Not now. Asked in an interview if he'd stay if Reagan wants him, Mansfield replied with characteristic coyness. "I'd give it serious consideration." But the big Montana smile shows he would be delighted to remain.

From the start, in June 1977, Mansfield's tenure in Tokyo has been an almost unblemished love affair. From the Japanese point of view, he is a heavy-hitter — a man with influence back in Washington, sent to a country that often feels ignored by its principal ally. For them, he has been more mediator than diplomat. He has occasionally chided them gently on such matters as trade and defense, telling them what they ought to do for their own good, but his great value to Japan has been in straightening out Washington's errand ways.

Last December, for example, former Sec-



Ambassador Mike Mansfield

retary of State Cyrus Vance was quoted in Paris as calling Japan insensitive to the Iran hostage crisis because it allegedly circumvented financial sanctions and bought high-priced Iranian oil. Mansfield investigated and found the Japanese government was not undercutting the financial sanctions and had already stopped the private oil purchases.

Did he protest? "Very vigorously," Mansfield said. "Because they were wrong."

He thinks Japan has, in fact, supported U.S. positions more firmly than European allies in the cases of sanctions against both Iran and the Soviet Union. "Of all our friends, they move been the most supportive. They've also paid the biggest price. For example, when they refused to pay that two dollars and a half extra for (Iranian) oil last March, two days later it (the Iranian oil exports to Japan) was cut off. It's still cut off.

That's 13 per cent of their imports."

Mansfield has favored a steady increase in Japanese defense spending and has said so publicly, but he also feels that this still largely pacifist country cannot be pushed too hard.

Mansfield deals with the Japanese as he did with his old colleagues in the Senate, slowly and patiently. His enjoyment of the job is total. He is at his desk by 7:30 most mornings, before most of the embassy people have arrived, and he is erect and alert, although signs of fatigue are likely to show by late afternoon. His speech is blunt and direct and he is rarely of the record with reporters.

Picked as ambassador after a brief retirement in Florida in 1977, the former Senate majority leader has never regretted leaving Washington. His greatest joy, he says, is "just getting away from the many-fold pressures in Washington." In Tokyo, the problems come one at a time for Mansfield and there is more opportunity for slow consideration of each.

The ambassador looks back on his country critically. Americans have grown complacent, he thinks, and the lack of civility bothers him a great deal. He puts it all into a few succinct phrases:

"Too many fat people. Too much crime. Too little security. Not enough pride or courtesy or politeness. Too many people for themselves. Too willing to 'Let George do it' but they don't want to be personally affected."

The Japanese, on the other hand, hang together as a people. "Deep down, they know how vulnerable their country is strategically, economically, and when the going gets tough ... they get in and produce more — because they have to. They have pride in what they do. It pays off for their country. I think we ought to have pride in what we do."

T.B. Slate, inventor of dry ice, dies at 99

PORTLAND, Oregon, Dec. 2 (AP) — A memorial service will be held Tuesday for Thomas B. Slate, an inventor credited with developing dry ice for use in commercial refrigeration.

Slate, who would have been 100 Tuesday, died of cancer last Wednesday at a nursing home in Corvallis. Although he had just a fifth-grade education, Slate held at least 31 patents on inventions, which included a self-regulating propeller used extensively in

World War I aircraft.

In 1923, he and another Oregonian, Walter Josephson, formed Prest-Air Devices Co. in Long Island, New York. There Slate invented fire extinguishers, automatic tire pumps and the refrigeration wonder of the age, dry ice, made by freezing carbon dioxide.

He sold his long island interest and moved to California, where his all steel dirigible was successfully tested in 1929. The project died

when investor interest waned in the depression years.

Later, Slate developed an internal combustion water pump, a method of dispelling smog and an engine cooling system. His last patent was for a hydroplane-type floating boat.

Slate taught himself with books from the Carnegie Library in New York. His first invention came at age 12 when he developed a powerful hay lift for his father's Willamette Valley farm.

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Cuban teenagers taught soldiering, loyalty to Castro

HAVANA, Dec. 2 (R) — Cuba has begun teaching semi-military skills to tens of thousands of teenagers to prepare them for service in the armed forces. The training is accompanied by political education aimed at installing unreserved loyalty to the Cuban Communist Party and its leader, Fidel Castro.

The program is carried out through the society for Patriotic-Military Education (SEPML). Established with Soviet help at the beginning of this year, it now has branches in schools and workplaces throughout the island.

The first objective of SEPML, set out in a pamphlet distributed at exhibitions to attract recruits, is "to contribute to the preparation of youth and the people in general for the defense of the socialist fatherland." Another of its aims is to promote respect for "proletarian internationalism" the principle under which Cuba sends many thousands of

troops to assist left-wing governments in Africa especially Angola and Ethiopia.

One of the main methods of attracting young people, who can join at the age of 12, is through sport, either with a direct military application or containing an element of character-building. Sports that are encouraged include shooting, parachuting, orienteering, gliding canoeing, sailing, underwater swimming motor-cycling and go-karting. The young trainees are taught to shoot with air-rifles.

Instruction is given in trades that could later be used in the army, such as driving, storekeeping, cooking, mechanical and electrical repairs, and radio-telegraphy.

Sporting events are linked whenever possible with the anniversary of an event during the 1956-59 revolutionary war, or with a nationwide ideological campaign associated with the name of revolutionary heroes like Che Guevara. Trainees are taken on hiking and camping expeditions that include visits to

sites of revolutionary battles, and participate in simulated combat.

Armed Forces Minister Raul Castro, Fidel's younger brother, tied the formation of SEPML to what the Communist Party sees as a decline in the social behavior of some young Cubans.

"Minority elements have started behaving in ways which to varying extents differ from what the party would like and from what the people need from youth," Castro said in a speech inaugurating SEPML earlier this year.

"For some time now, such an easy-going way of life has been taking shape that some of them have forgotten that the enemy is still there," he said, meaning the United States, which the Castro government believes could one day invade Cuba.

The Cuban revolutionary armed forces themselves, which two decades ago consisted only of a band of guerrillas, are now the most powerful fighting body in Latin America.

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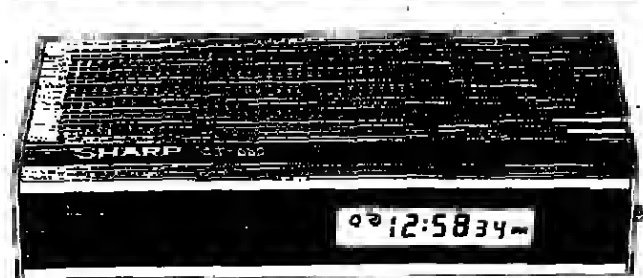
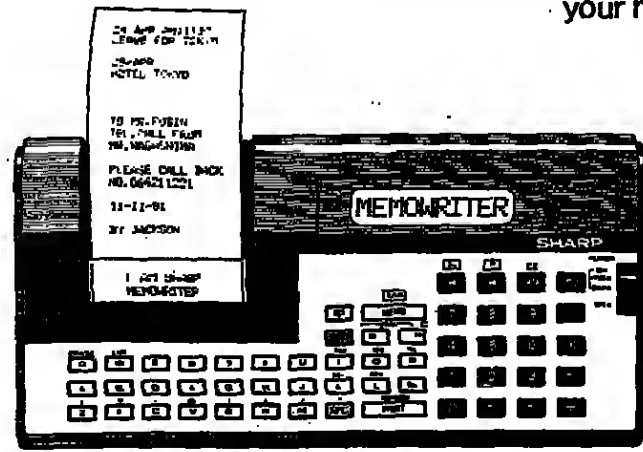
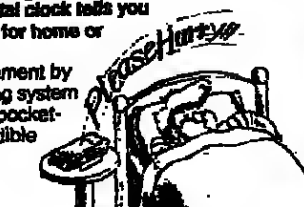
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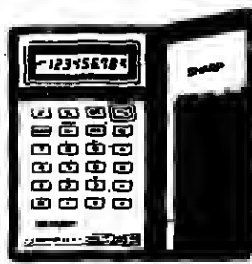
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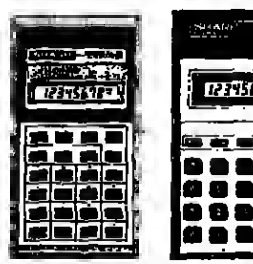
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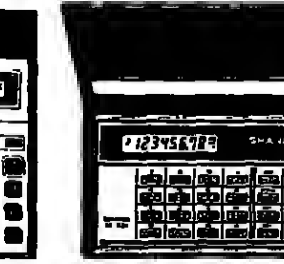
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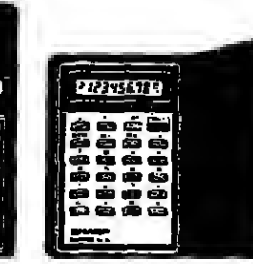
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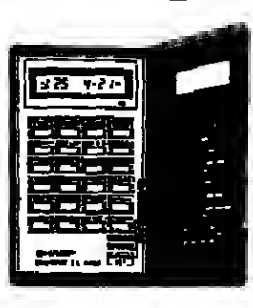
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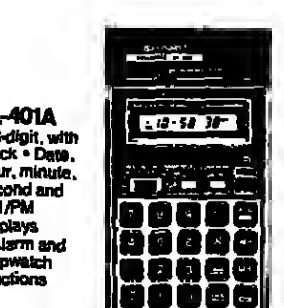
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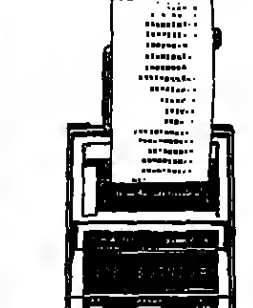
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U.S. recovery slowing down

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (R) — The United States' recovery from recession appears to be slowing down, according to government figures released Monday. The commerce department said its index of leading indicators, a sign of future economic trends, increased by 0.9 per cent in October after a 3.1 per cent rise in September.

The drop between September and October gave new ammunition to economists who believe the economy may again be slowing

down and could tumble into recession again unless the authorities ease the credit squeeze.

The slower increase in the October figures mostly reflected a decline in housing permits and building, two sectors which are especially sensitive to interest rate increases. Prime rates, at which banks lend to their best corporate customers, jumped to 17.75 per cent last month and mortgage rates are running at about 15 per cent compared with about 11 per cent earlier this year.

Consumers able to reduce free market price of oil

LONDON, Dec. 2 (R) — Consumers have succeeded in pushing the free market price of oil down sharply during the past week by holding back on their purchases, dealers said Monday. Companies and nations were using their stored oil rather than buying on the free market, hoping that weak demand and falling spot prices would remove justification for increases in the official prices of exporting nations, traders said.

Some OPEC countries have said higher official prices should be agreed at a price-fixing meeting in Bali Dec. 15. But the issue of prices was further clouded this weekend when Saudi Arabia said an increase was justified. Spot prices soared to record highs in November because of the cut in supplies caused by the Gulf war. But in the past week the spot price of crude oil has fallen by about \$2.50 a barrel, with Saudi Arabian light crude dropping to \$38.50 and north sea and some

American crudes to around \$40 barrel. Prices of oil products have also tumbled. The most dramatic fall has been in Naphtha, a vital raw material for the chemical industry, which has declined from \$390 a ton to about \$325.

There are very few buyers coming forward. Trading is lighter now than for months, one dealer commented. "It's very difficult to set prices because so little oil is changing hands." According to the oil industry newsletter, *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly* (PIW), the 21 non-Communist nations that make up the International Energy Agency (IEA) have been drawing on stocks at a rate of 2.5 million barrels a day. They have bought only minimal amounts on the spot market.

World stocks were at record levels before the Gulf war reduced supplies from Iraq and Iraq, PIW said they have now fallen to around 3.6 billion barrels, but this is still a relatively high level.

Soviets, French discuss plan for pumping gas from Siberia

MOSCOW, Dec. 2 (R) — A senior Soviet team will fly to Paris at the end of this week to discuss how to finance a proposed pipeline to pump gas from northern Siberia into Western Europe, French sources said Monday. The delegation, to include senior trade and finance experts, will stay in Paris for three or four days, according to the sources.

They said the talks will be routine and unlikely to result in the signing of any agreements. But the meeting will be watched with

interest by West German bankers, who are competing with the French to finance the project. And other sources said some form of Soviet-French financial accord on the 5,000 km pipe was a definite possibility. Under proposed venture West Germany, France, Austria, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland would provide financial and technical help in exploiting gas reserve on the isolated Yamal Peninsula in northern Siberia.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

| Authority | Description | No. of Tender | Price SR | Closing Date |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------|----------|--------------|
| Ministry of Education | Printing of papers for the examinations of post-primary stages for 1980/81 | 17/7 | 500 | Dec. 20 |
| Department of Education, Qunfuzah | Electrical extensions in 16 schools of the region | — | 200 | Dec. 6 |
| Ministry of Health | Supply of a power generator plant to Khamis Meshit hospital | 776 | 500 | Dec. 6 |
| " " | Electrical repairs to the Tuberculosis Center in Riyadh | 777 | 500 | Dec. 7 |
| Municipality of Omran | Supply of insecticides, detergents and chemical materials | — | 500 | Dec. 19 |
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Soviet Union expects output of oil to rise 1% per year

MOSCOW, Dec. 2 (R) — The Soviet Union, the world's biggest oil producer, Tuesday published draft plan targets indicating that its output of crude petroleum will rise by barely one per cent a year between now and 1985. The figures were included in draft guidelines for a 1981-85 five-year plan that showed natural gas output would jump by nearly 50 per cent over same period.

The target for output of crude oil and gas condensate in 1985 will be 620-645 million tons per year. This compares to the 1.80 target of 606 million tons and means that at best Soviet oil output will rise by only some 6.5 per cent over the five-year period.

The Soviet oil industry has encountered increasing problems in expanding its production in remote areas of West Siberia to compensate for falling output in older oilfields elsewhere.

The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has predicted a stagnation and decline in Soviet production in the 1980's but until

today there has not been published Soviet forecast of how much oil the Kremlin hopes to extract in 1985.

Oil is the Soviet union's biggest single source of hard currency export earnings through sales to the West, and the new figures suggest less may be available for export in future.

But natural gas, which many Western specialists believe will replace oil as the Soviet Union's big dollar earner in the next few years, is scheduled for a sharp rise in output.

The plan guidelines, which must be approved by the Communist Party congress in February before becoming law, call for gas production to rise between 600 and 640 billion cubic meters in 1985 from this year's 435 billion.

But the overall targets for economic growth are relatively modest, calling for a rise in industrial output of between 26 and 28 per cent over the five-year period.

This compares with a target of 36 per cent for the current 1976-80 plan which ends this month. Actual output over the past five years has in fact risen by just over 24 per cent, or two-thirds of what was originally planned.

BRIEFS

DOHA, (R) — The Gulf state of Qatar has resumed exports of Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) which were suspended three years ago when an NGL plant under construction was destroyed in a fire, a senior Qatari official said Tuesday. The first shipment of 29,000 tons of propane and butane gas went to Japanese and Spanish firms under two-year to five-year contracts, the managing director of the Qatar general petroleum corporation, Ali Jaidah, told Reuters.

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — Talks for reforming the international tin trading treaty resumed in Geneva Monday between the leading exporters and importers of the commodity. The discussions restarted after six months of consultations following the last round of tin talks. Conference chairman Pter Lai of Malaysia, who was at the focus of the consultations, sounded a word of warning to the delegates from 34 states who will meet for three weeks. He said agreement could be reached in the short time only with great determination by all and "you must all, I repeat all, be prepared to move away from your original positions."

ANKARA, (R) — Turkey will more than double its budget in 1981 and expects to cover the difference by increased tax revenues, Finance Minister Kaya Erdem said Monday. The 1981 budget was drawn up at \$17.96 billion Erdem told a press conference. Turkey's 1980 budget totalled \$8.6 billion.

NAGASAKI, (R) — Japan, totally dependent on oil imports and deeply worried about future supplies, has devised a new method of stockpiling the vital energy source. It plans to fill rafts of huge steel tanks — each one longer than an aircraft carrier and taller than a 10-storey building — with millions of barrels of oil. They will float in waters frequently lashed by powerful typhoons.

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| Belgian Franc (1,000) | 107.00 | — | — |
| Canadian Dollar | 2.79 | — | — |
| Deutsche Mark (100) | 172.00 | 174.00 | 171.25 |
| Dutch Guilder (100) | 159.00 | — | 158.25 |
| Egyptian Pound | — | 4.40 | 4.45 |
| Emirates Dirham (100) | — | 89.00 | 90.65 |
| French Franc (100) | 74.00 | 74.50 | 74.00 |
| Greek Drachma (1,000) | — | 75.00 | — |
| Indian Rupee (100) | — | — | 42.35 |
| Israeli Riyal (100) | — | — | — |
| Israeli Dinar | — | 9.50 | — |
| Italian Lira (10,000) | 36.00 | 36.50 | 36.00 |
| Japanese Yen (1,000) | 15.40 | — | 15.00 |
| Jordanian Dinar | — | 11.04 | 10.90 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | — | 12.23 | 12.17 |
| Lebanese Lira (100) | — | 93.30 | 91.35 |
| Moroccan Dirham (100) | — | 83.00 | 81.70 |
| Pakistan Rupee (100) | — | — | 33.70 |
| Philippines Peso (100) | — | — | 44.50 |
| Pound Sterling | 7.85 | 7.87 | 7.83 |
| Qatari Riyal (100) | — | 91.00 | 91.50 |
| Singapore Dollar | — | — | 1.58 |
| Spanish Pesto (1,000) | — | 44.50 | 45.75 |
| Swiss Franc (100) | 191.00 | 192.50 | 190.00 |
| Syrian Lira (100) | — | 77.00 | 85.50 |
| Turkish Lira (1,000) | — | 44.00 | — |
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High prices prompt farmers to overcome food shortages

LONDON, Dec. 2 (R) — The serious world food shortages feared next year may be averted because higher prices are prodding farmers into greater efforts, according to new assessments by experts. Several warnings have been given in recent weeks that the world faces a severe shortage of food in 1981 as a result of poor crops in some major grain-producing countries.

For the third world, where many people live on the brink of starvation, the warnings have had a particularly ominous ring. For the richer nations, the crisis would mean higher prices of some foodstuffs and even more pressure on their inflation-plagued economies.

But Reuters interviews with diplomats and food aid experts now reveal a more optimistic view — although the danger clearly still exists. The experts say that higher prices are already stimulating enough new production to prevent a feared repetition of the 1973-74 world food crisis.

The international wheat council agrees after a detailed analysis that, given reasonable weather, food production in 1981-82 should expand sufficiently to permit a recovery in world wheat stocks from a predicted decline this year.

The concern about looming food shortages arose after large parts of the world's grain-growing regions — especially Australia, Argentina and the Soviet Union — were hit by bad weather and other difficulties. The Soviet Union is suffering serious crop problems for the second year running.

It has been scouring world markets for emergency grain shipments, particularly for animal food. For if huge herds have to be slaughtered, the Soviet people will ultimately suffer more meat shortages. The Russians have found their sources restricted by President Carter's embargo on U.S. grain to the Soviet Union following the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Nevertheless, heavy Eastern bloc buying has resulted in a running down of world grain stocks over the past two years.

Major trading states export \$449b

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP) — Exports of the seven major trading nations of the non-Communist world for the first half of 1980 totalled \$449 billion or 24 per cent more than 1979's first-half total of \$362 billion, the United States Export-Import Bank reported Monday. "Despite these impressive export gains, only two of the seven major trading nations were able to record a trade surplus in 1979, and one of the two surpluses achieved was minuscule," the bank said.

The 1979 surpluses were recorded by Canada with \$800 million and West Germany with \$12.3 billion it said. France, it reported, had a trade deficit of \$13.6 billion, Italy of \$5.6 billion Japan of 7.7 billion, the United King-

dom of \$12 billion, and the United States of \$37.3 billion.

During 1979, exports of the major trading nations of the non-Communist world increased by 26.3 per cent compared with 1978's performance. Exports to less-developed countries jumped by 36 per cent, while exports to developed countries moved ahead by 22.9 per cent.

The seven major trading nations — France, Canada, West Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States — accounted for 53.3 per cent of \$632 billion of the non-Communist nations and for 51.5 per cent of \$771 billion of such exports in 1971, the bank said.

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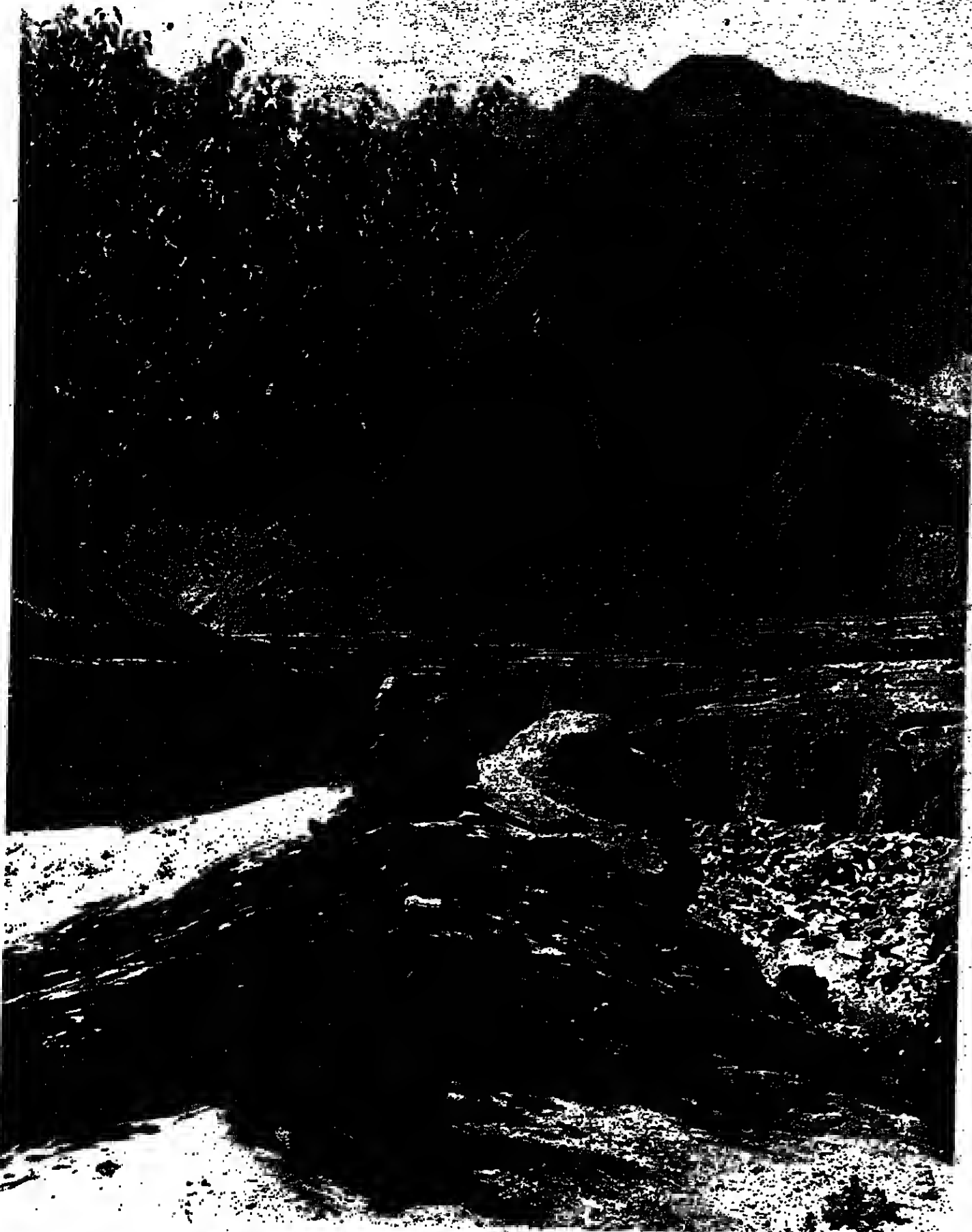
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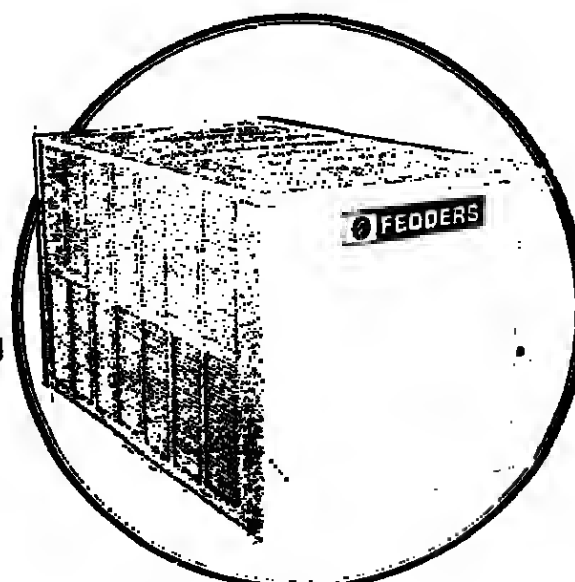
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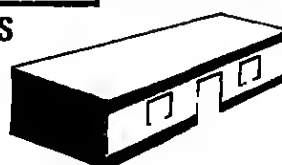
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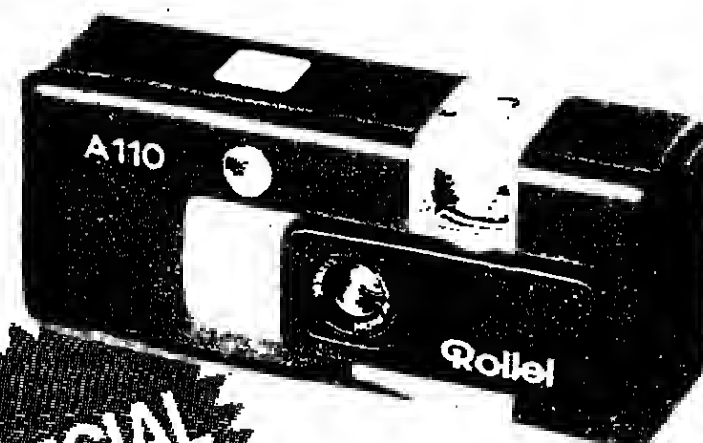
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Kania warns unions; economy said weak

WARSAW, Dec. 2 (R) — The Polish Communist Party's central committee discussed the free trade union movement and the country's gloomy economic prospects Tuesday against a background of political uncertainty.

The central committee, which was expected to make changes in the ruling Politburo, met after Communist Party leader Stanislaw Kania demanded an end to anarchy in his toughest speech since taking office three months ago. He told free trade unions Monday that they must curb the activities of extremists and that the authorities would not tolerate the use of strikes as a political weapon.

In Washington, U.S. officials reported that a large area of the East German-Polish border had been closed to Western military observers, possibly as part of Soviet contingency planning for intervention in Poland should the crisis there worsen.

Poland's economic problems were stressed in a speech by Prime Minister Jozef Pielowski, who said national income would fall this year by an unprecedented three per cent.

The only immediate sign of relief on the economic front was an announcement that the Soviet Union had granted Poland a \$1.1 billion cash loan. Western trade experts said the Soviet loan was a significant sign of support for Kania.

Kania's speech, which was to be debated by the 140-member central committee, said certain elements of the Solidarity free trade union were trying to use the unions to challenge Communist rule. Pielowski's review of the economy, in his speech published Tuesday contained depressing statistics. Agricultural production fell this year by 12 per cent and was lower even than the 1973 level, he said. Industrial production was declining, and normal work had still not resumed in a number of sectors, he said.

East Bloc said on alert

WEST BERLIN, Dec. 2 (AP) — The Soviet command here has forbidden Western military access to East German-Polish border regions, informed sources said. Observers interpreted the move as a sign that Warsaw Pact troops there were in a state of alert.

The military command's order applied to United States, British and French military missions in Potsdam on the western outskirts of East Berlin. Several categories of East German reservists have been called up to active duty for an undermined period, the sources said. Observers cautiously interpreted the two moves as signs of impending troop movements along the Oder-Neisse river line that separates East Germany from Poland.

They said a state of alert or troop movements could signal a warning or even a threatening move intended for the Polish Communist Party, currently holding a plenary session in Warsaw over the economic crisis in the country and pressure for greater freedom exerted by newly-independent trade unions.

The Western military liaison missions, which opened at the end of World War II, first were used to oversee the demilitarization of Nazi Germany. The Soviet Union had similar missions attached to the U.S. headquarters in Heidelberg, the British in Moenchengladbach and the French in Baden-Baden, all in West Germany.

Italians urged to leave quake area

NAPLES, Italy, Dec. 2 (AP) — Authorities issued an urgent appeal to thousands of Italians in the quake-stricken Italy Tuesday to move out of their devastated hometowns and take up temporary residence in government-requisitioned hotels.

"Weather condition carry extreme dangers



SAVED: Rescuers clear away debris from around 13-year-old Angela Romanelli, alive after 60 hours in a house destroyed by the earthquake in southern Italy. The boy, a resident of Laviano, received minor injuries.

and risks for the health of the people with old homes, especially for the old people and babies," said the chief of relief operations, Giuseppe Zamberletti.

Nineteen tremors jolted the area overnight, but there were no immediate reports of damages. Similar aftershocks over the weekend forced the indefinite closing of the archaeological site of Pompeii, the city buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in the year 79 and unearthed 17 centuries later.

The government has secured more than 150,000 hotel rooms throughout southern Italy to accommodate the homeless in the 126 villages and towns hardest hit by the earthquake that killed 3,000 people Nov. 23.

While thousands left their destroyed homes Monday to live with their relatives and friends elsewhere in Italy and abroad, officials said only a small number of people went to the hotels the government has taken over.

To persuade the people to move, the government also has promised periodic bus services between their hometowns and temporary settlements and police protection for their houses declared uninhabitable.

Military officials in Naples said that on Monday fewer than 1,000 asked to be moved to hotels. But Zamberletti said he believes people will accept the relocation plan after a few days of living in freezing temperatures in tents.

Zamberletti said victims of the 1976 earthquake in Friuli in northern Italy were reluctant to move into hotels at first.

Health officials in Naples denied reports that soldiers and police are shooting dogs, cats and pigs in the quake disaster area.

"In some cases, we are collecting stray dogs to sort out the rabid ones, but there's no program to shoot the animals in the quake areas," said Dr. Bruno Angelillo, a member of the government health committee for the earthquake affected areas.

Dollar, gold dip as crises make traders nervous

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP) — The dollar fell Tuesday, and so did gold prices, as world finance markets reacted nervously to new Mideast tension between Syria and Jordan and to Soviet warnings on Polish unrest. A softening in Eurodollar interest rates was also a factor.

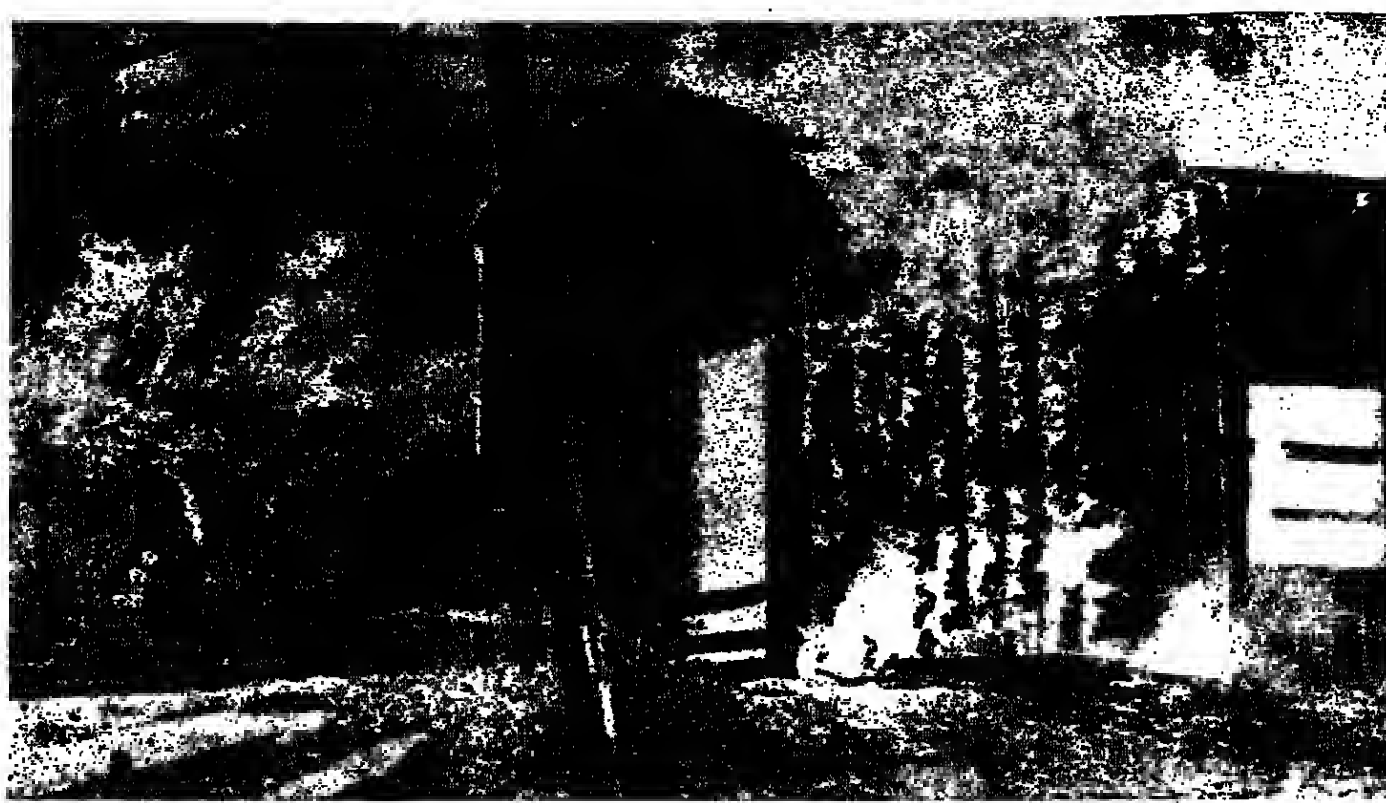
In Tokyo, where banks close just as Europe's business day begins, the dollar fell sharply in heavy trading to close at 215.50 yen, down from 217.80 Monday. The dollar had a slightly firmer tone in Europe, but uncertainty prevailed, dealers said. In London the pound was worth \$2.3555.

London's five bullion houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$629.25 a troy ounce, down from \$633.50 at the close Monday. In Zurich gold opened at a median \$630.50 an ounce, down from \$634.50.

Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$629.40 down \$1.15, having finished in late New York trading Monday at \$626, up \$3.

In view of high interest rates and bullion market volatility, gold prices looked set for a series of fluctuations rather than moving towards higher ground, one London gold analyst said.

Silver sold in London at mid-morning at \$18.84 an ounce, down from \$18.98.



FLEES FLAMES: A man runs from his fire-engulfed stable at Devore, California, after trying to save the animals inside. Numerous brush fires still rage out of control in the southern part of the state, and as many as 260 houses have been destroyed.

Contents said unchanged

U.S. envoy hands over hostage reply

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP) — Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher flew to Algiers and handed over the latest U.S. response to Iran's terms for freeing the American hostages.

The mission, Christopher's second in three weeks, kept open a channel of communication regarding the 52 Americans. But there is no immediate indication of a breakthrough on gaining their release after almost 13 months in captivity.

In Algiers, Christopher is to meet with Foreign Minister Muhammad Benyahia and Algerian diplomats who have shuttled between Tehran and Washington as intermediaries.

Christopher and other U.S. officials were prepared to answer any questions the Algerians might have regarding the U.S. position. State Department spokesman David Nall said Monday night, Christopher conferred over the weekend with President Jimmy Carter at Camp David, Maryland, about the U.S. response to Iran's request for clarification brought here last week by Algerian emissaries.

The contents of the U.S. message were not disclosed, but it is known that the administration has tried to persuade authorities in Tehran that there are legal and technical roadblocks in the way of meeting the terms.

The Washington Post quoted unidentified



Warren Christopher

sources Tuesday as saying the message represents no change in the basic American position carried to Algeria by Christopher three weeks ago. The latest response, the paper said, was merely a more detailed reiteration of a stance that has not changed "in broad outline" since an unsuccessful round of negotiations with Iran last spring.

Iran's demands, Okayed by its parliament

Nov. 2, call for an American promise not to interfere in the country's internal affairs, cancellation of all American claims against Iran, release of more than \$3 billion in impounded Iranian assets and return of the wealth of the late Shah.

State Department spokesman John Tarran dismissed on Monday any suggestion that the United States is engaged in humiliating negotiations with violators of international law.

"Obviously when you have a hostage situation you have to work to resolve it," he said. "That's what we've been doing. We'll worry later about whether there is humiliation involved. I don't think there is."

President-elect Ronald Reagan, meanwhile, said it would be "pretty foolish" if Iran waited until after his Jan. 20 inaugural to try to get better terms. His comment was in response to a report from Tehran that an Iranian official had suggested such a delay.

Earlier Monday, a ranking White House official said the outcome of the hostage situation remains unpredictable and domestic political situation in Iran is the crucial factor.

"Clearly political power in that country is divided amongst individuals and factions and we've seen all along that they have to reach a preconsensus to deal with almost anything," he said.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

More on the advertising I saw in America at the time of the presidential election — and all the other lesser elections held at the same time.

I said that the aspect I disliked most was the attempt by some of the candidates for the lesser jobs to play on the popular feeling for family life. Of these was a certain judge who posed for the camera with his wife, while their dog (no relation, I understand, to the famous "cheerers" used by Nixon to bail him out of one of his periodic troubles), pranced in the background. The judge looked at his wife with all the affection and regard he could summon, and said she would very much like for the electorate to choose him. The lady in question did not say a word. Which, of course, spoke volumes.

President Carter himself wasn't above using this form of approach. Witness his bringing up his daughter Amy in the debate with Reagan. Amy, apparently, was the main source for his views about nuclear disarmament. No wonder the electorate expressed their worry resoundingly later on.

There was also a doctor putting himself up as a candidate for corner. All his ad said was "Vote for So and So." Apparently he considered it in poor taste to end his expertise at post-mortems and post-unpleasant activities. This posterity was robbed of such rousing slogans as "Cutting Finer with Doc Steiner."

One of the most effective ploys the Republicans used in their publicity was a clip recording the harsh attack made by Senator Kennedy on Carter when the senator was still in the running within the Democratic Party. It must have done great deal to dampen the effect of the praises the senator was at the time heaping upon his chief, in the weeks before the elections.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awwad

Khyber entry closed

KHYBER PASS, Pakistan Dec. 2 (AP) — Afghanistan's border crossing with Pakistan at the mouth of the Khyber Pass was closed Monday following the outbreak of fighting in the eastern province of Mangarhar.

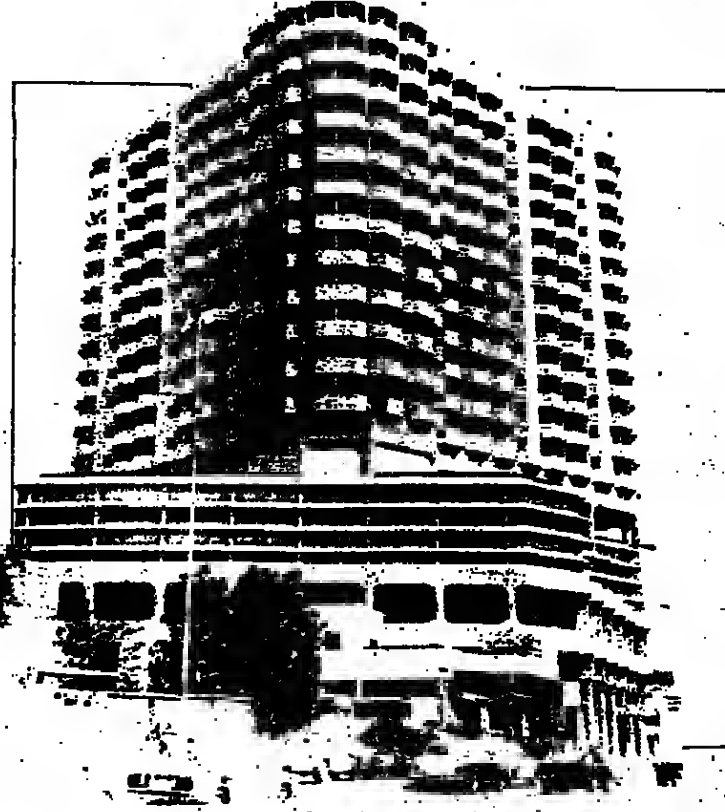
Afghan border guards at Torkham, a border post, confirmed that "ashraf" "troublemakers" — the official Kabul designation for anti-Soviet resistance fighters — had attacked along a 70-kilometer stretch highway from Jalalabad, capital of Mangarhar, to Pakistan.

A manager of a state-owned inn on the Pakistani side said Afghan insurgents fired small arms on three consecutive nights in the past 100 hours inside Afghanistan, the closest shooting so far to the historic Khyber Pass.

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